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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. Express

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ANIL SASI & PVAIDYANATHAN IYER NEW DELHI, JULY 27

HOLDING OUT hope for foreign portfolio investors (FPIs), Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Saturday said she was willing to listen to them, and it was wrong to interpret that the government was against foreign investors. In an interview to The Sunday

Express (full interview tomorrow), Sitharaman said, "FPIs who were registered as trusts did have an impact (compared with those registered as companies). So, when this impact was brought to our notice, and a lot of people did speak about it — one of the options was to CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

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EXPLAINED REASONS FOR FPIs' CONCERN

THE BUDGET imposed a 3%-7% surcharge on those earning over Rs 2 crore a year. High Net worth Individuals will bear the brunt of the additional impost — those above Rs 5 crore will pay 42.7% tax now. Amongst FPIs though, the outcome has been different. Those registered as companies escape this surcharge whereas those formed as trusts get entangled. The Finance Minister says she will listen to affected FPIs, and see what best can be done.

KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS

India won't give in to pressure on national security: PM

'Those defeated in Kargil war resorting to proxy war... supporting terrorism'



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Kargil Vijay Diwas event in New Delhi on Saturday. PIB/PTI

KRISHN KAUSHIK NEW DELHI, JULY 27

UNDERSCORING THE importance his government gives to the armed forces, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Saturday that India's national security will not be decided by, or will succumb to any pressure or influence. Speaking at a Kargil Vijay Diwas event in Delhi marking the 20th anniversary of the

Kargil victory, the Prime Minister said: "Rashtra ki suraksha ke liye, na kisi ke dabaav mein kaam hoga, na prabhaav mein, aur na kisi abhaav mein." (When it comes to the country's national security, work will not be done under anybody's pressure, influence or scarcity.) He said that wars have reached space today and cyberwarfare is also a reality, which is why Indian forces need to be CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

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The Mahalaxmi Express stranded in floodwaters near Badlapur in Thane district on Saturday. PTI REPORT, PAGE 11

As more troops arrive, parties in Valley warn: don't touch Art 35A

J&K Police say fresh deployment of forces routine

BASHAARAT MASOOD & NAVEED IQBAL SRINAGAR, JULY 27

UNCERTAINTY SPREAD over large parts of the Valley after the deployment of additional forces prompted political leaders to say that this could be part of the plan to abrogate Article 35A. People in many areas started panic-buying of essential items.

Senior police officers in Jammu and Kashmir described the deployment of the extra forces as "routine", and intended to relieve their stretched colleagues in the state. New Delhi on Friday decided to dispatch an additional 10,000 personnel to Kashmir to "strengthen the CI (counter-insurgency) grid as well as for maintaining law and order", according to the Union Home

JAISH IED EXPERT KILLED IN SHOPIAN

Two Jaish-e-Mohammad militants including a top commander, Munna Lahori, responsible for car bombs triggered at Ramban on March 30 and Pulwama in June that claimed the lives of two security personnel, were killed in a joint operation Saturday in south Kashmir. The security operation was launched Friday night in the Bonabazar neighbourhood of Shopian. PAGE 9

Ministry's notification. J&K Police Additional DGP (Law and Order) Muneer Khan

said the "additional requisition of forces has been made to make up for the 200 companies that need to proceed to their battalions for mandatory training exercises". State DGP Dilbagh Singh said the arrival of the additional forces was a law and order measure. As the first batches of these troops started to fly in to Srinagar Saturday, political parties in the Valley warned the Centre against "thoughtless adventurism". Former minister Sajad Lone, who is deemed to be close to the BJP, warned the Centre that "...adventurism will mean an investment in future for decades of violence and contempt for those who believe in Indian-ness". "Nobody seems to have the remotest idea of what is in the offing. The rumours of tinkering with Article 35A are spreading fast and there is no reaction from CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

Shamli SP massages kanwaria's feet, police say seva is duty, too

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MEERUT, JULY 27

THE SHAMLI Police's official Twitter handle Friday shared a video of the district's Superintendent of Police massaging the feet of a kanwaria, accompanied by a message announcing a diagnostic camp for yatris passing through the district.

When contacted, SP Ajay Kumar Pandey told The Sunday Express that he did so without "ego" since the man looked tired. The Shamli Police tweet was accompanied with the text: "Suraksha ke saath saath seva bhi (Not just protecting people but serving them too)." Pandey said: "The canvas of modern day policing is very broad. Police has a lot of roles to maintain, including investigation, law and order, etc.



A video grab of the Shamli SP released by police

Compassion and humanity are also part of it. The police cannot maintain a distance from the people. When policemen can help injured people and give CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

ED arrests businessman who accused Asthana of corruption

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY NEW DELHI, JULY 27

HYDERABAD BUSINESSMAN Satish Sana Babu, prime witness in a corruption case against former CBI special director Rakesh Asthana, has been arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with the Moin Qureshi case.

A day after his arrest, Sana was Saturday sent to ED custody for five days by a special court. Until his arrest, Sana was the ED's prosecution witness in the case against Qureshi. The Indian Express had reported on January 16 that the ED was likely to re-examine Sana's role as a witness in the case and CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

Seven Maoists are killed in encounter in Chhattisgarh

DIPANKAR GHOSE RAIPUR, JULY 27

SEVEN MAOISTS, including three women, were killed in an encounter Saturday in Bastar district of Chhattisgarh. Senior police officials said the encounter took place near Tiriya, near the Odisha border, between the Maoists and members of the District Reserve Guard and the Special Task Force, as well as the CRPF. Police have not reported any injuries or fatalities to security personnel.

P Sundar Raj, DIG (Anti Naxal Operations) said that on July 26, there was specific intelligence about the presence of a team of Maoists, numbering between 40 and 50, in the jungles near Tiriya-Machkot under the Nagarnar police station limits. "The exchange of fire broke out in earnest at around 3.30 pm CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

Punjab district gets a green rider: For gun licence, plant 10 trees

RAAKHI JAGGA FEROZEPUR, JULY 27

FOR OVER a year, Gurpreet Singh Sandhu from Jhok Hari Har village in Punjab waited for an arms licence for a .32 bore revolver. Then last month, the Ferozepur district administration asked him to apply for the licence again, this time with a rider — plant 10 saplings in his village and send selfies with all 10 as proof to the authorities.

Sandhu planted different varieties at his house, near his farm and even on the village road. "If selfies with saplings are not submitted, the file will be rejected straight away. After one month, we need to submit fresh selfies. Perhaps this is a way to bring us closer to nature...now, I am waiting for approval," he told The Sunday Express. The new condition for arms licences was included on June 5 when Ferozepur District Commissioner Chander Gaiind issued orders stating that "anyone seeking a new arms licence will have to plant 10 saplings, get selfies clicked and submit with file. Fresh selfies after a month



Jaswant Singh of Lohke Kalan village plants saplings before applying for an arms licence. Gurmeet Singh

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Constable now, Alwar rape survivor: Won't let it happen to others

ANKITA DWIVEDI JOHRI NEW DELHI, JULY 27

"MAIN POLICE afsar ban-ne ja rahi hoon... koshish karoongi jo mere saath hua wo kisi aur ladki ke saath na ho (I am going to become a policewoman. I will try to ensure that what happened to me doesn't happen to any other girl)," says the 19-year-old Alwar gangrape survivor, as she prepares to become a constable in the Rajasthan Police. The Dalit woman was gangraped by five men in Alwar,

when she was on her way to the market along with her husband to purchase clothes for a wedding. A sixth accused filmed the incident and circulated the video on social media. Three months on, the woman says she is still struggling to cope with the trauma. "I joined on July 1, and I have been living in police accommodation since. I have a woman security personnel with me at all times... But at night, when I am alone, I feel scared..." she says. The crime took place on April 26, but according to the

woman's family, the police, despite repeated complaints, registered an FIR only on May 2. The first arrest was made on May 7 — three days after the video was circulated. "They claimed there was no staff to file a case since the elections were under way," the woman had said then. The irony of joining a service that allegedly failed to take timely action in her case is not lost on the woman. "The videos could have been stopped if they had filed a case in time... At the police station where I am deployed, no one knows about my

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case, par mujhe pataa hai ek aurat par aise haadse ke baad kya beeti hai (But I know what a woman goes through after rape). I will do my duty well," she said over the phone. She added that she was not allowed to step out of the police accommodation for now. "My husband and I have been living separately since I came here," she said. The husband has been staying with relatives. The past months, she said, had been "very difficult" for the family, and they had been forced to leave their home in Alwar.

"We have been getting threats from the Gurjar community (to which the accused belong). Not just my husband and I, but also my relatives... Mere chacha-sasur ko dhoondte hue aaye the kuchh log (Some men came looking for my father-in-law)." The woman, who is 19 and has been married for two years now, has studied up to Class 11. "I want to take up my studies again, and complete Class 12," she said. The threats to the family prompted the woman and her husband to move out of Alwar.

"A month ago, the threats increased, and the police suggested that we move out, and so we did. For the past month we have been doing the rounds of courts, recording our testimonies. We have just finished doing that," said her husband, who is 21. Besides the advice from the police, the couple had another reason to move. "The accused have been arrested, and I hope that we get justice, but the video of the incident is still there. We were assured that all videos have CONTINUED ON PAGE 10

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While the Jaish commander had not been on the radar of security agencies for a long time, his ability to make powerful Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), something the local militants have little expertise of, made him a valuable catch.

VIDEO OF THE DAY



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Mumbai has been witnessing heavy rainfall since Friday

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FROM PAGE ONE

FM on investors

register as companies. And a lot of people then said shifting is not going to be easy and tax-neutral. I thought shifting would be an answer. But if you have issues, do talk to me. Without any commitment, I will hear them. Let me hear them first."

The surcharge of 3 per cent and 7 per cent on those earning between Rs 2 crore and Rs 5 crore, and over Rs 5 crore respectively, have led to different taxation outcomes for FPIs registered as Association of Persons or trusts and companies, with those registered as companies being spared of this surcharge.

Sitharaman said this was why she wanted to hear them out first.

"Without any commitment at this stage, I'm saying let me hear them. Because the conversion is still possible. You can convert to be a company rather than be a trust. Let me hear them," she said.

When pointed out that surcharge sent out a wrong message to foreign investors despite the fact that the Budget had welcomed them through a host of other measures, the Finance Minister said, "If I wanted to hit

at FPIs, have I hit at those who are registered as companies? So, I think it was wrong to interpret it as we are against investments, or that we don't care for foreign investors. Not at all."

Speaking on a broad range of issues including falling demand in rural India as reflected in tractor and commercial vehicle sales and little to no signs of revival in private investment, the Finance Minister said she was keeping a close watch on what is happening. "You are referring to different sectors, different segments of society, and each may be having its own unique reasons."

For instance, in the automobile sector, Sitharaman said, buyers may not be rushing to get new vehicles could be related to the direct leapfrogging from Bharat Stage IV to Stage VI. "Now, buyers are probably in anticipation that industry themselves would give something even as the deadline of January 2020 kicks in. So, the decision is getting delayed or deferred," she said.

The Finance Minister said she needed to be cautious while looking at the specific development in each sector. "Before I even indicate any kind of intervention that I may want to with good intention, I need to under-

stand the various factors which are at play," she explained.

But to kickstart the economy, the Finance Minister said, the government was working on various fronts — beginning with encouraging consumption through various steps aimed at putting more money into the hands of people, in rural India, particularly.

"This whole DBT-based transfer of entitlements to those who need to get it and get it instantly, being enabled by technology, was one very big way in which we're pushing money into the hands of people," she said.

Then, the government was pumping up consumption through public spending on infrastructure, where core industries will benefit immediately. "Once you start laying roads, once you start building bridges, once you start strengthening airport, seaports, once you start building inland waterways, you are indirectly or probably even directly increasing the demand for industrial material — cement, steel, you know, concrete, everything else."

As the government spends more on infrastructure, the country will see in situ promotion of labour. "So if government's expenditure is diverted

to only prioritise infrastructure, the ripple effect, I expect, will be on labour everywhere, rather than concentrated in one place... Core industries, their capacities, their employees, they are demand for raw material. So, these are the ways in which you're touching so many segments within the society, and all with an immediate impact on consumption," she said.

Sitharaman said income in the hands of people will spur consumption, and set in a virtuous cycle of higher demand and investment. "Consumption increases, demand increases, investment increases, as a natural course. That is why virtuous cycle is what we are definitely speaking about both in the economic survey and in the Budget," she said, justifying the Budget's estimate of 8% GDP growth for the current financial year.

7 Maoists killed

this afternoon. Search operations after the exchange of fire revealed seven dead bodies of Maoists, including three female cadre," he said. The bodies are being brought to Jagdalpur for identification, police officials said. One INSAS rifle, four .303 rifles, and other muzzle loading weapons and camping material

have been recovered from the spot.

Sources said that the Maoists had set up camp in the jungles, attempting to reassert their authority on an area that is considered to be slipping away rapidly. "They had set up a camp with sentries in the forested patch, and the sentries were driving villagers away from the area even as they went to and from daily and weekly bazaars. Once the information was received, a team left on Friday morning, and spent the night in the forest. The first exchange of fire with the sentries was actually around noon. But the Maoists tried to escape, but the teams were in good formation, and an extended exchange of fire took place then in the afternoon," said a senior officer.

The Odisha state police were also kept in the loop, sources said. "The presence of the INSAS rifle means that senior cadre were present. Determining whether they are among the dead will only happen after the bodies are brought to Jagdalpur and identified," said senior officers.

Shamli SP

them first aid, can an SP not offer a weak person some comfort? Imagine walking for 200-300 km, hungry and thirsty. If they fall due to weakness, people will say police do not have 'protective approach'."

"It is up to people to interpret it the way they want. It was done to send out a good message that we are there to help." In the 24-second video, the SP is seen giving a foot massage to an 18-year-old kanwar while asking about his health.

When contacted, DIG, Saharanpur Range, Upendra Kumar Agarwal, said, "In my opinion, there is nothing wrong in it. It is one's personal initiative to serve kanwaris. Some policemen are serving kanwaris by distributing fruits, a few taking them to the hospital for treatment. SP Shamli served the kanwaria in his own way. No senior officers have inquired or sought any report so far about the video."

The PRO of the SP (Shamli) said: "The medical camp is equipped with instruments required for proper physiotherapy of the devotees, but the SP gave them a personal foot massage because he wanted to serve the devotees with his hands."

Hours after the video was released, SP Kumar and district magistrate Akhilesh Kumar showered rose and marigold petals on kanwar pilgrims, who reciprocated the gesture by dancing on streets, raising slogans of Yogi Adityanath zindabad.

The chopper then flew over Muzaffarnagar where the Shamli SP and DM were joined by SSP (Muzaffarnagar) Abhishek Yadav and other local officials who waved to devotees from the chopper and then showered them with petals.

"This is the Indian tradition of welcoming our guests with roses and Lord Shiva devotees are our revered guests and hence we welcomed them in our land with the gesture," said Yadav.

Troops in Valley

the state or the Central government," Lone said in a statement. "If the government... indeed has any such intentions, it would be tantamount to stretching adventurism to unacceptable limits. Any adventurism will erode the credibility of those who believe in the concept of India..."

Apprehensions that the Centre might remove Article 35A and Article 370 have been

Will not give in to any pressure, influence on national security: PM

modernised. "From the deep seas to limitless space, wherever there is a need for India's national security, India will use all its capabilities," he said, adding that the modernisation of Indian armed forces is happening at a fast pace and is the government's priority.

"The nation's security has been impregnable and it will remain so," he said.

And referring to Pakistan, Modi called terrorism a "pseudo battle" and said that those defeated in war "are using pseudo war to fulfil their political objectives and encouraging terrorism". He said that the nature of war has changed and terrorism is challenging mankind.

"The need of the hour is for all countries to come together against terrorism, only then can terrorism be challenged effectively."

Speaking about the Kargil victory, the Prime Minister said that it had changed the global perspective. "Even those countries which had their eyes shut about the activities of our neighbouring country earlier, their perspective started to change."

With several military personnel and ex-servicemen present at the event, Modi said: "The Kargil victory was a symbol of India's might, determination and capability... Wars

are fought not by governments but by the whole country. The Kargil victory still inspires the whole country...Kargil was the victory of every Indian."

Modi said then PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee had foiled Pakistan's plans for global intervention in Kashmir through its Kargil misadventure. He said Pakistan had expected that India will "protest" and "oppose", and "the world will get scared of the tension".

"Rone gidgidane ke bajay prabhavi jawab dene ka yehi rannitik badlav dushman per bhari pad gaya (An effective response, instead of whining and complaining, is what defeated the enemies)," he said.

He said the Kargil victory was a victory of India's strength, patience, expectations, discipline and Indian principles.

He recalled that before he visited Kargil in 2014, just after taking over as the Prime Minister, he had visited the region when the fighting was at its peak. "I had gone to Kargil 20 years ago... the enemy was playing its games sitting on high peaks," he said. "Death was staring in the face yet our jawans, carrying the Tricolour, wanted to reach the valley before anyone...It was like a pilgrimage for me."

Pakistan, Modi said, has

been deceptive about Kashmir since the beginning. Mentioning the wars of 1948, 1965 and 1971, he said that Pakistan had done the same then too. In 1999, too, "pehle ki tarah phir ek baar chhal ki chhalni kar di gayi," he said, but Pakistan's deceptions were decimated.

"History is proof that India has never been an aggressor," he said, adding that peaceful conduct in the favour of humanity is India's tradition. He said that if within the country, the forces are seen as a defender of national security, internationally India is also the defender of humanity and peace.

The PM also emphasised the need for a "jointness" of approach in dealing with external security challenges and assured that the government was committed to leverage its technological capabilities for the country's security.

As examples of the government's commitment towards undertaking all desired endeavours for effective national security, he cited the successful trials of the INS Arihant, India's first nuclear ballistic missile submarine that completed its maiden deterrence patrol last year, and the successful test of an anti-satellite missile by ISRO earlier this year.

growing ever since Assembly elections were delayed, and President's Rule was extended earlier this year.

There is fear in the Valley and in Muslim-majority districts of Jammu and Kargil that the move to remove Article 35A — which empowers the J&K Legislature to define permanent residents of the state — is intended to change the demography of the Muslim-majority state.

The deployment of 10,000 additional forces comes when thousands of paramilitary men called in to secure the Amarnath Yatra are already stationed in the state. A 100 companies (10,000 personnel) of central forces had been deployed to J&K after the February 14 terrorist attack in which 40 CRPF personnel were killed.

Asked why such large numbers of troops needed to be airlifted into the Valley, Additional DGP Khan told The Sunday Express: "Airlifting is less expensive for us. Highway is busy with (Amarnath) Yatra, and when troops are being moved in such large numbers, convoys can be prone to attacks."

DGP Singh said the additional forces "will provide relief to over-stretched training companies on duty since the panchayat elections last year".

As the additional troops arrived, the J&K Police sent a wireless message asking the force to "communicate any shortfall of Riot Control Equipments/Gas Gun, TSMs etc". Sources said all police stations have been directed to keep a satellite phone and bulldozer, and to send a need assessment for tin sheets required to "seal the roads".

The additional deployment of forces also coincided with a communiqué from a senior government officer in Budgam district, asking tehsildars and naib tahsildars to provide details of Imams of all major mosques in the area. The administration later said the government wanted to engage the Imams in an anti-drug addic-

tion campaign.

Former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti posted on Twitter: "Centre's decision to deploy additional 10,000 troops to the Valley has created fear psychosis amongst people... J&K is a political problem which won't be solved by military means. GOI needs to rethink & overhaul its policy."

National Conference president Omar Abdullah said the Centre should repose faith in the Supreme Court and refrain from "bullying the people of the State with the unwarranted and intimidatory threats on annihilating Article 35A and Article 370". People in the Valley were "going through anxiety in wake of the rumour mongering set afloat by the administration", he said.

Government official-turned-politician Shah Faesal warned that "any attempt at tinkering" with Articles 370 and 35A "will breed a new phase of alienation in Kashmir". Former lawmaker Engineer Rashid, who is in alliance with Shah Faesal, asked New Delhi to stay away from "misadventures".

ED arrests

may take adverse action against him following the ouster of both Asthana and then Director Alok Verma from the CBI.

Sana's allegations against Asthana last year had triggered a war within the CBI, particularly between then Director Alok Verma and his No.2 and Special Director Asthana. While Asthana in a note to the Cabinet Secretary alleged that Sana had told his team that Verma had taken a Rs 2 crore to help him in the Moin Qureshi case, Verma got an FIR registered against Asthana based on Sana's statement that Asthana had taken Rs 3 crore to shield him from the Qureshi case.

The rift culminated in an unprecedented intervention by the Centre which divested both Asthana and Verma of all their responsibilities in October last year in a midnight raid on CBI.

Subsequently, a select committee led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi removed Verma as Director and Asthana was transferred out.

Sana was earlier mentioned as a witness in the prosecution complaint (equivalent to a chargesheet) filed by the ED in the Moin Qureshi case. However, the ED appears to have changed its stance following the findings of a Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) probe into the complaints by Asthana and Verma against each other last year.

The CVC, in its report submitted to the Supreme Court, had termed Sana an "unreliable witness".

Sana is alleged to have bribed officials through Qureshi for assistance in the Vapnic case which is allegedly linked to Telangana Chief Minister Y S Jaganmohan Reddy. During investigations into the Qureshi case, officers stumbled upon Blackberry Messenger communications where he was seen trying to influence transfers and postings of certain CBI officers.

Sana had come under the scanner for being among the facilitators for the payment of over Rs 5.75 crore to Qureshi to influence a case on behalf of Hyderabad businessman Pradeep Koneru whose father had been summoned by agencies.

Records show that Sana allegedly paid Rs 2 crore to Qureshi in November 2012 and phone recordings, obtained by the CBI, revealed that their conversation pertained to the bail matter of another CBI accused, Hyderabad businessman Sukesh Gupta.

A note from a CBI Joint Director on the subject of the proposed arrest of Sana (along with Qureshi, Koneru and Aditya Sharma, an employee of Qureshi) states that while the ED treated Sana as a prosecution witness, in the CBI case he was being seen as a bribe-giver "actively seeking favours in CBI cases on behalf of the accused".



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11 officials from GTB hospital booked by ACB

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, JULY 27

THE DELHI government's anti-corruption branch (ACB) has booked 11 officials of Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, including two former medical superintendents, for allegedly giving undue favours to parking contractors. Two FIRs under the Prevention of Corruption Act and the IPC have been lodged against them, ACB chief Arvind Deep said, adding: "We are probing the accused's role."

The first FIR against a former medical superintendent of GTB hospital was lodged after ACB received a complaint from additional medical superintendent Dr Praveen Kumar. The second FIR was lodged based on a complaint by deputy secretary (vigilance) Ajay Bisht.

In his complaint, Kumar said an inquiry was initiated after they received a complaint from the MCD contractors' association, which alleged the former medical superintendent, in 2007-2008, had given a parking contract to a man for a year. However, even after the contractor stopped

paying the monthly charge of Rs 2 lakh, the contract was not cancelled, leading to a loss of Rs 20 lakh to the hospital.

"The complainant alleged the contractor hatched a conspiracy with the MS, wherein he got away with not depositing the money. His licence was also not cancelled, though a notice was issued to him (the contractor) for defaulting on payment, to which he didn't respond. His licence expired on October 1, 2008, but he allegedly continued working without making any payment. On December 16, 2008, the MS allegedly extended the contract for one year despite the contractor defaulting on payment," an ACB officer said.

In the second case, Bisht alleged another medical superintendent, Dr Rajpal, and nine other officials, including those from the accounts department, allegedly cheated the hospital of Rs 63.5 lakh by manipulating documents to benefit a parking contractor.

When contacted, Dr Rajpal said, "All these allegations are baseless; they must be confused. Things will become clearer during investigation and ACB will arrest the real culprits."

Minor's consent inconsequential in rape case: Court

New Delhi: A Delhi court declared two men guilty of raping a 15-year-old girl six years ago after befriending her, ruling that the minor's consent for physical relations was inconsequential.

Additional Sessions Judge Umed Singh Grewal sentenced

the two men to a jail term already undergone by them during the trial. "...The physical encounter with the prosecutrix was with her consent. (One accused) has remained in jail for more than six years and (the other) for nearly five-and-a-half years," he said,

adding, "They have faced trial for more than 10 years. All these mitigating factors are compelling this court to award imprisonment they have already undergone."

"On the date of the crime in 2009, the prosecutrix was slightly above 15 years. As per

IPC section 375, sexual intercourse with a girl less than 16 years of age with her consent is rape. Despite sexual intercourse by the accused with her consent, they had raped her, as she was less than 16 years on that day," the judge said. **PTI**



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Boy beaten to death, family says he was innocent

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 27

THE GRANDMOTHER of a 16-year-old boy, who was beaten to death over suspicion of theft in North West Delhi on Thursday, has alleged he was found lying in a pool of blood at a railway track by locals. "They found him around 7.30 am on Friday and informed us. We called police and rushed him to the hospital," said the boy's grandmother.

The boy was the eldest of six siblings. His mother died three years ago. His father used to work as a plumber but quit three years ago due to health issues.

"I was tired and slept very early. He was also sleeping with me... and later went out to play with his friends. I found out from his friends that they were playing near a residential colony when a group of men suddenly came towards them. They were looking for a thief but they caught my grandson, took him to a house and locked him inside a room. Others later joined and mercilessly beat him up," claimed the boy's grandmother.

Police said the boy had allegedly entered a home and was caught stealing by the owner. DCP (North West) Vijayanta Arya said, "The minor was in the house and was caught by the owner, Mukesh (23), who beat him up. After some time, neighbours also gathered and beat up the boy. He was rushed to a hospital, where he died during treatment. We have arrested six people and apprehended a minor."

Manesar students knock on HC door over safety fears



Cattle grazing on the school ground is among issues raised by the students. *Express*

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, JULY 27

FOUR GIRLS from the Government Girls Senior Secondary School in Manesar approached the Punjab and Haryana High Court last week, seeking a solution to security issues they are facing at the institution. With the 20-acre land on which the school stands also housing a post office, a primary health centre, an under-construction panchayat bhawan and an anganwadi, the girls said the presence of strangers, many of whom allegedly misbehave with the teenagers, has left them feeling unsafe.

"People sit in the grounds or wander the corridors. If questioned, they say they have work at the other facilities. There have been instances of men peeping into our classrooms through windows during school hours, which have made us uncomfortable..." a student anonymously said. Gurgaon Deputy Commissioner Amit Khatri visited the school Saturday and assured that necessary arrangements would be made. He said, "Though I'm satisfied with the security aspect, any other shortcoming will be addressed. Apart from installing CCTV cameras, barbed wires will also be erected on boundary walls."

Students said people also litter the school ground and leave their cattle to graze there. "The men look at us in a way that makes us feel uncomfortable. Some even pass comments," said another student, adding, "There is no security guard to watch over the area." Students claimed they wrote to the District Education Officer on June 21, but nothing was done to assist them. "On July 12, we found the locks of some rooms were broken, and the doors and walls were painted black," said a student. Though an FIR was lodged, arrests are yet to be made in the matter.

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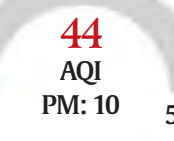
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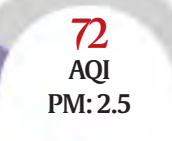
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BRIEFLY



At Shaheed Bhagat Singh College Friday

Snake found in DU college

New Delhi: A rat snake, measuring around 4 feet, took refuge in a shelf at a photocopy shop in DU's Shaheed Bhagat Singh College Friday afternoon, leaving many students and staff alarmed. "We received a call from one of the students at 2.30 pm. Our team of two reached the spot by around 3 pm. By 4, the snake had been rescued," said Arinita from Wildlife SOS. It was released into the Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary, said Wildlife SOS members.

Exempt women from property fee: Tiwari to CM

New Delhi: Delhi BJP chief and MP Manoj Tiwari has written to CM Arvind Kejriwal, demanding that the Delhi government exempt women from the 4% registration fee on purchase of property in the soon-to-be regularised colonies, citing a similar model that is in place in Jharkhand.

Digital service centre launched

New Delhi: Delhi Power Minister Satyendar Jain inaugurated a Digi Seva Kendra (DSK) in Paschim Vihar Saturday to provide seamless 'single window digital services' to lakhs of residents. Modelled on the Passport Seva Kendras, the DSK, managed by BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd (BRPL), offers quick, convenient and hassle-free single window digital services to consumers.

PTMs at South body schools today

New Delhi: The South civic body is organising parent-teacher meetings in all its primary schools Sunday. Standing Committee Chairman Dr Bhupender Gupta said the aim is to ensure overall development of students.

5 held for vehicle theft

Gurgaon: Police claim to have solved 21 cases of vehicle theft across Gurgaon and Sonapat with the arrest of five men, from whom 10 stolen cars have been seized so far. **ENS**

FOUND DEAD IN SEPARATE ROOMS, SAY POLICE

IIT staffer, wife and mother found hanging at campus residence

SOMYA LAKHANI

NEW DELHI, JULY 27

THREE MEMBERS of a family, including two women, allegedly committed suicide in three separate rooms inside the IIT-Delhi campus Friday night. Police said Gulshan Das (35), a senior mechanic at IIT's biochemical engineering and biotechnology department, his wife Sunita Devi (32) and his mother Kanta Rani (56) were all found hanging.

"A PCR call about domestic violence was received at 10.59 pm. When police reached the house, they found three people hanging separately inside the 2BHK house. The women were in two bedrooms, hanging from ceiling fans by dupattas, while Das was hanging from an overhead rod in the corridor," DCP (South West) Devender Arya said.

A police officer said, "We are probing the possibility of Sunita committing suicide first, followed by her husband and mother-in-law. Post-mortem reports will reveal more."

The PCR call was made by Sunita's mother Krishna Devi (68), who was at her house in South West Delhi's Naraina.

"Investigation revealed Krishna was calling her daughter Sunita all day, but she didn't pick up. At night, she made a PCR call," said Arya. The three victims were rushed to Safdarjung Hospital, where they were declared dead on arrival. No suicide note has been found in the house, said police.

On Saturday afternoon,



The family lived in a 2BHK flat on campus. Praveen Khanna

Sunita's mother sat outside the Safdarjung Hospital mortuary, while Das's relatives were outside the couple's IIT Campus house which was being inspected by police.

Sunita's brother-in-law Chandan claimed, "The couple got married in February this year and Das's mother, Kanta, lived with them. We filed a complaint at the Naraina police station in July about the violence Sunita faced at home. Her husband used to beat her up and, along with his mother, harassed her for dowry"

He claimed "the matter wasn't pursued further, as they wanted the couple to make things work and live peacefully with each other. Sunita's mother called many times on Friday and feared something was wrong when she didn't hear back for hours."

Outside the IIT campus house, Das's colleagues who live on cam-

pus stood shocked. His friend and colleague at the department fielded calls from employees about the incident. He said, "Das did his M.Sc from Modinagar, where he lived before he got a job at a research institute in Karnal. He joined IIT-Delhi in September 2015, and this house was given to him. He was reserved and didn't share much. We had no idea there was anything wrong at all. He liked playing basketball and was good at his job."

Das's father died a few years ago and he doesn't have any siblings. Arya said, "Inquest proceedings have been initiated by the magistrate as mandated under law, since the marriage is less than seven years old. The post-mortem will be conducted by a board of doctors, which has been constituted. From the investigation so far, the nature of deaths seems to be suicidal hanging. Further investigation is on."

Wife's family claims she was abused, had written to police

SOMYA LAKHANI

NEW DELHI, JULY 27

LESS THAN 20 days ago, Sunita Devi (32) submitted a complaint alleging domestic violence and harassment over dowry by her husband Gulshan Das (35) and mother-in-law Kanta Rani (56) at Naraina police station.

In the letter dated July 9, Sunita demanded security and alleged: "My husband and mother-in-law beat me up and demand dowry, even though we had told them already that we have nothing to give. On July 8, they beat me up again and threw me out of the house, so I came to my mother's house in Naraina."

An officer confirmed the letter was received but added that the family did not pursue the matter further, so no FIR was filed.

On Friday night, Das, his mother and Sunita allegedly committed suicide at their third-floor house inside the IIT-Delhi campus. A day later, Sunita's mother Krishna Devi (68) — who made the PCR call after her daughter didn't take her calls — recorded a statement with the SDM.

In the statement, Devi also

Sunita's mother said they didn't pursue the police complaint as they wanted the couple to resolve the matter

claimed that "Sunita was two months pregnant". She spoke about the July 9 complaint they filed at Naraina police station in the statement, and claimed that "Gulshan tore Sunita's clothes".

"A day later, we spoke to Gulshan's uncle and aunt and they came to our house on July 10 with Gulshan and his mother. He accepted his mistake. Our relatives said we should send our daughter back with him as petty matters keep happening," she claimed.

Devi claimed that Sunita returned home with Gulshan but the fights resumed after a few days. "On Friday, I called up my eldest daughter to inquire if she had spoken to Sunita. When she said no, I called Sunita but she didn't take my calls."

Police said that as per an analysis of Sunita's call detail records, she called her mother 10-12 times a day before the alleged suicide.

2 dead as car rams sheds, runs over sleeping workers



At the accident spot in Greater Noida; (below) Victim Sanjay Kumar's family outside the mortuary. Gajendra Yadav

ASHNA BUTANI

NOIDA, JULY 27

AFTER A long day at work, constructing the Ram Ratan Real Estate Hospital in Greater Noida, several labourers returned to their makeshift homes near the site on Friday night. Around midnight, a Scorpio took a sudden turn, crashing into three homes and running over two men. The driver fled the spot and was arrested later.

The victims, identified as Siyaram Sada (40) and Sanjay Kumar (36), were rushed to Kailash Hospital where they were declared dead on arrival. "The accused, Rajesh Bhati (25), was caught at 11.30 am on Saturday. He is unemployed and helps his family run a dairy business," said Ajay Kumar, SHO, Beta II, Greater Noida. Police claimed Bhati was drunk when the incident took place, adding that the car belongs to his father.

According to the labourers, seven people were living in the three makeshift homes. Siyaram and Sanjay, both migrant labourers from Bihar, had been working at the site for the last one-two months.

Sanjay's family said he had come to the capital with his wife Runa Devi to get her leg operated on at AIIMS. As the treatment got delayed, the couple extended their stay and Sanjay found work as a contract labourer.

Kundan, Sanjay's younger brother, said: "I met my brother yesterday. He never spoke of the hazards of the job, but I believe he would have been saved if there was a boundary around the homes."

Kaushilal Sada, Siyaram's



brother, said: "I was sleeping beside my brother when the car rammed into our home. We woke up with a shock. The iron and wood structure came crumbling down."

Siyaram's wife and seven children live in Bihar's Sakrauli. "The family has no support. All his children go to school. The oldest of them is a 16-year-old girl," said Suresh, a relative who also witnessed the incident.

A couple who lived in one of the structures, Konika and Uttam Burman, received injuries. "We were asleep when the iron sheet fell on us," said Uttam.

Ekramul, who was sleeping in one of the sheds, said he rushed out on hearing a loud thud. "While we were helping the injured, the driver escaped. The car got stuck in the mud a few hundred metres away and the man fled on foot," he said.

Other labourers also said there should be a boundary around the sheds. "At other sites, small pucca houses for workers are constructed on the company's orders. Our homes though are not stable; many labourers live here with their wives and children," said Kamesh Yadav, a labourer.

However, company staff maintained that the driver is at fault. "We are not allowed to build a boundary wall on government property. We will compensate the families," said a company official who did not want to be named.

Four students clean trash, notice to MCD school

ABHINAV RAJPUT

NEW DELHI, JULY 27

A SHOWCAUSE notice has been issued to the principal of a South MCD school after a video emerged purportedly showing children picking up garbage and filth that had accumulated near a drain outside the primary school in Kishangarh.

In the purported video, two children dressed in school uniform can be seen picking up the filth using mattocks while two others are seen collecting it in a

sack right outside the school's main gate.

Referring to the video, Leader of the Opposition in South MCD Kishan Wati claimed, "The video makes it very apparent that sanitation workers left the silt at the school gate and the children were asked to clean it."

She claimed the video had been shot by people living in the area, and is less than a week old.

"On one hand, the corporation talks about giving free bags, uniforms and providing world-class facilities like CCTVs at its

schools. But they do not even have sanitation staff to get them cleaned," she said. "What will our students aspire to be by studying in these schools? Will they ever be able to compete with students of private schools if their morale will be pushed down like this?"

South body education department director Shirish Sharma said that after the video was brought to his notice, he issued a showcause notice to the school principal and two other officials of the zone.

Education committee chair-

person Nandini Sharma said the video was shown to her after the house meeting concluded on Friday, and she has asked for a report from the school.

While the North body has 765 schools under its jurisdiction, the East has 365 and the South 581. Municipal schools provide education till Class V, mostly to students from economically weaker backgrounds, after which students migrate to schools under the Delhi government.

In September 2017, pictures of children sweeping floors and

cleaning garbage with brooms in some municipal schools under the North and East civic bodies had angered the Delhi High Court, which had asked, "Is there any teaching taking place in the schools? Shall we call the students here? You teach them like this? Children are carrying brooms in their hands. Shall we order inspection?"

"How come the premises are so dirty. What about the toilets?" the bench had asked officials and an MCD school principal who were present in the courtroom.



HELPING HAND

Showers in many areas of the capital brought temperature down Saturday. The maximum and minimum temperatures were 32.5 degrees Celsius and 25.4 degrees Celsius. *Amrit Mehra*

Kanwaria electrocuted as truck comes in contact with wire

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 27

A 36-YEAR-OLD kanwaria, who was on his way to Haridwar, was electrocuted after speakers mounted atop a truck he was in touched a high-tension wire in South East Delhi early Saturday morning.

The incident took place in Jaitpur around 2 am, and the deceased has been identified as Vijender Karhana, a resident of the area.

DCP (South East) Chinmoy Biswal said, "He was travelling to Haridwar with 20-25 people in the truck. They were all dak kanwaris (who run or travel in vehicles to and from Haridwar with pots carrying holy water) and the truck was carrying a



The victim, Vijender Karhana

tent-like structure on top of which speakers were mounted. It was raining at night and the speakers touched a high-tension wire, which led to Karhana being electrocuted."

Karhana, a driver, is survived by his wife and two children. Three people received injuries.

In an official statement, the BSES said, "A few kanwaris got electrocuted when the extended part of their truck came in contact with an overhead electricity cable. Our condolences are with the family of the deceased. In

view of the monsoons, we urge all residents to stay away from electrical installations like electricity poles, sub-stations, transformers, streetlights, especially if they are waterlogged."

In a separate incident in Hari Nagar, a 28-year-old kanwaria died and three others were injured when a truck hit another early Saturday morning.

The victim has been identified as Mohit Kumar, a resident of Delhi Cantonment.

"The incident took place around 2.15 am. The driver of the truck in which Mohit was stopped in the middle of the road to cover the truck from the rain, and a speeding truck rammed into his vehicle. The errant driver was arrested and an FIR has been filed," said a police officer.

'Stalker attacked woman in front of her brother'

New Delhi: A day after a 21-year-old woman was stabbed to death in South East Delhi's Bhogal, allegedly by her neighbour who was stalking her, police investigation revealed that the woman had complained to her landlord around 25 days ago. Police said the landlord took the accused to task.

Police also recorded the statements of several eyewitnesses, who said the woman was with her brother when the accused attacked her.

"She tried to escape, but he chased her and stabbed her, after which she fell to the ground. He attacked her seven-eight times. The stalker threatened to attack her brother as well. Another passerby caught the accused and beat him with a stick," said a senior police officer. **ENS**

PHASE II SET TO BEGIN

Funds awaited as Nicholson cemetery, among oldest in city, is restored

ASHNA BUTANI

NEW DELHI, JULY 27

AN ORNATE marble structure built in memory of Nelly, Leonard and Imre Schwaiger — a family that was buried together — has weathered over the years. Unattached inverted bowls are kept at random over the marble ledger as vegetation grows thick over and around the tombstones.

The Schwaiger family is among the many British people who were buried in Nicholson

Cemetery near Kashmere Gate in and after 1857. The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) documented each grave and cleared vegetation earlier this year, as part of the first phase of their project to restore one of the oldest Christian cemeteries in Delhi. Now, money is needed for the second phase.

The cemetery features gothic-revival style of architecture. "We removed vegetation with help of skilled labourers who worked for a month, after which 23 people from our team documented each

grave at the site," said Ajay Kumar, director, projects, INTACH, Delhi Chapter.

However, vegetation growth could not be brought under control in such a short time. Stems and branches over a few tombstones conceal the writing beneath, while others are covered in fruit falling from trees.

The project started when the British Association for Cemeteries in South Asia (BACSA) contacted INTACH to carry it out. "We will start work on the entrance and a few select graves as soon as the



The cemetery is near Kashmere Gate. Abhinav Saha

monsoon ends. Hopefully, we will get funds to carry out the latter half of the project," said Kumar.

Peter Boon, honorary secretary, BACSA, said: "While Nicholson is still in use, maintaining its 8.8 acres and 2,463 graves is a major challenge for the Delhi Cemeteries Committee. So, BACSA invited INTACH's Delhi Chapter to carry out conservation... we are limiting the project to conserving the gate house and some graves..."

Dennis Reginald, son of Major and Mrs Pay, died in 1931, 15 days

after he was born. The writing on his stone — a poem inscribed on marble by his parents — cannot be read as the marble has gotten stained over the years. "It is a very emotional site as so many people died before time," said Kumar.

INTACH proposes that these stones be preserved and cleaned using steam jets to remove stains and by applying a preservative coating to make the surface water-proof. Dust-shrouded stones will be cleaned with detergent and warm water, while broken parts will be reattached. Designs

on graves such as marble scrolls and sculptures that are broken will be fixed. The graves will be secured by brick-edging — placing bricks around the graves. To stop vegetation growth altogether, deep roots will be removed and disposed at least 100 metres away.

The entrance will be given a new look by dismantling decayed plaster, renewing destroyed wooden batons on the ceiling and replacing old slate tiles from the roof with new ones, said INTACH members.

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full time. With options to gain experience as part of the degree programme can further develop employability potential.

This great University has completed a journey of about 69 glorious years by imparting education in the faculty of Arts, Commerce, Education, Dental, Medical, Law and Science etc. The learning at Gujarat University is not confined to academics. Enormous importance is given to cultural, sports, research, extension, innovation activities and social services. They have learned from experiences that hard work and progressive idealism teaches not to wait for the opportunity but to create it.

The implementation of the university's campus redevelopment plan also accelerated during the last year, and major new roads were made operational alongside new entry points for the campus through the university's new and ceremonial gates. The renovation of all major departments and administrative offices progressed at a fast pace and the redevelopment is expected to be complete by the end of 2018.

As the Gujarat University heralds the beginning of a transformative era in its history, starting ones journey here in a place that has changed many lives is going to be a rewarding experience.

India's first research park at a state university

TO bolster academic-industry collaboration, Gujarat University is in the process of establishing the Park for Industrial Extension and Research (PIER) i.e. the Research Park, which will be hosted at the Gujarat University campus. Expected to be operational by early 2019, the Research Park is being established with the funding assistance of the Education Department, Government of Gujarat. The state government approved the proposal to create a massive research park of global standards. As a part of the approval, the state government has allocated a budget of Rs 143 crore as the project cost. This is a landmark budget provision for any university in the state. The GU-PIER has been envisioned as a global hub for industrial research, academic-industry collaboration and innovation. The PIER shall be the first of its kind research and innovation park in the country. The research park, once complete, will span over across 4 lakh square feet of area and be a global hub of research, innovation and industrial academic interexchange. The first phase will cover 175,000 sq.ft. floor space in phase 1. The park shall be home to industrial labs, research centres, centres of excellence, incubators etc across a multitude of sectors. As the first phase of GU-PIER, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Extension Research and Innovation is expected to be operational from early 2019. The construction of second and third phase of the GU-PIER shall begin during mid 2019.



Sardar Patel Sports City to level the playing field

SOON, not only can one play sports but will also be able to study it. Gujarat University is all set to pride itself on producing and maintaining some of the best quality sporting facilities. Gujarat University has embarked on an ambitious project of Sardar Patel Sports City (SPSC) on the campus. Coming up with excellent sports and fitness facilities to be spread over 1.5 lakh square metres at a budget of Rs 160 crores, this sports city is expected to provide world class facilities to train and develop students into international level sportsmen.



On its way to becoming a sports campus of excellence, the University is soon going to provide all its students, faculty and staff members with access to a variety of sports facilities. There are going to be Olympic facilities for 122 games. Regardless of the level of ability or commitment, there is going to be an extensive range of opportunities to participate and even learn. With this, the university hopes to be represented at many levels and in many playing fields.

Slated to be operational in the second quarter of 2019, SPSC will boast of an athletic track and a football field capable of hosting international events like running, hurdles, relay and steeple chase and of course football on its grounds. Along with the football

ground there will be much more comprehensive inventory for other sports. The tennis academy is going to be equipped with synthetic courts, clay courts and a centre court with pavilion of a seating capacity for 1500 people. There will be separate courts for badminton matches.

Sports involving throwing will have facilities for discus, javelin, shotput and hammer. Jumping will have facilities for vault, long, high triple and pole vault. Indoor sports infrastructure will be capable of hosting international level events like badminton, basketball, taekwondo, judo.

The state of art Dronacharya academy of shooting and archery will train in hitting the bull's eye in various ranges. An Olympic size swimming pool of 50 m x 5 m is also

going to be available. These are just some of the activities available. The pathways and pavements are going to be lit to be able to use the sports complex even during the night.

Transforming education through sports is the goal. The university has begun to consider sports as an important and essential structural element in the life of its students and campus. Sport and recreation are as an important part of student life, a way for students to grow and learn and enjoy themselves and to use and develop their personal, physical and intellectual skills. Through participation in diverse sporting activities, the Gujarat University attempts to make the student experience as enjoyable and wholesome as possible.

Awards and accolades

GUJARAT UNIVERSITY received the University Excellence award of the National Student Startup and Innovation summit for its contribution in the start up ecosystem. Adding a few more feathers to its cap, the university also won the top university award under the National Service Scheme (NSS). The award was presented by the President of India to the Vice Chancellor on December, 21st, 2017. The transformative infrastructural, academic, research, innovation and extracurricular initiatives saw the university climb up on the National Institutional Ranking Framework issued by the ministry of Human Resources Development. GU was ranked first in NIRF in 2018 issued by MHRD. The University was also issued a 4-star ranking in the Gujarat State Institutional Ranking Framework (GSIRF) of Gujarat government.

In the backdrop, 2018

LIFE on the Gujarat University campus is anything but dull. Bustling with ideas, activities and initiatives, there are various events that keep the campus alive. The Gujarat University hosted the first lady of Japan, Mrs Akie Abe last year. The visit led to the establishment of the Technology Heritage Preservation Interpretation Centre, a joint collaboration between India and Japan to technologically preserve heritage and exchange relevant best practices, while strengthening relationships between the two countries.

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Mr Rajnath Singh inaugurated the conference which brought together experts from around the world.

Many state level events such as both editions of Grand education fair in 2017 and 2018, the International Yoga Day 2017, the Gujarat Literature Festival, Women's job fair, implementation of the 'tabley yojana' and chief minister's apprenticeship scheme. Other new initiatives were taken such as establishment for the council for innovation and skill development and establishment of the Gujarat University consultancy cell. The defence and homeland security research cell was also unveiled alongside the introduction of the regular anveshna lectures.



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GU supports 155+ startups, the highest for any university in India

GUSEC, an autonomous wing of GU, is rapidly expanding and currently supports over 40+ product startups

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NOTABLE ALUMNI



OUTGOING WEST BENGAL GOVERNOR

'Mamata's appeasement policy affecting harmony'

TMC hits back; Tripathi says he was misinterpreted

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JULY 27

OUTGOING WEST Bengal Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi on Saturday criticised Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's "appeasement policy", stating in an interview to PTI that it is adversely affecting social harmony in the state.

Later in the evening, speaking to the media on the sidelines of an event here, Tripathi said he was misinterpreted.

The Trinamool Congress hit back, saying the Governor is trying to make the BJP happy.

Calling it a "misinterpretation of what I have said", Tripathi told the media: "I have always spoken about restoring law and order. Why should anyone be embarrassed to talk about the real situation? I have also praised her (Mamata). She has vision."

Tripathi will be replaced by Jagdeep Dhanekar, who will be sworn in as the new West Bengal Governor on July 30.

Earlier in the day, Tripathi told PTI: "Her policy of appeasement has the effect of adversely affecting societal harmony. I think she should look at every citizen equally. I believe every citizen of



Keshari Nath Tripathi at Governor House, Kolkata. PTI

something or gave us advice. But he never told us that law and order has broken down, or there is an appeasement policy. It is to be seen why he is saying such things now. This will not add to the honour of his position. We used to say Raj Bhavan has become a BJP office. It seems we were right. He is saying this to make BJP happy."

The CPI(M) and Congress backed Tripathi's statement, but questioned the timing.

"His tenure is over now. We believe what is said is partially true. We believe that a competitive communal politics is going on in Bengal. Banerjee through her appeasement policies is making way for BJP to bring communal politics in Bengal," said senior CPM leader Sujan Chakraborty.

Former Congress state president Pradip Bhattacharya said, "If he had spoken earlier or given a strict message to the state government, it would have been better. We did not see him taking any strong step or even oppose the state government."

But, he added, "The Governor is absolutely right. He had been highlighting the issue when there were riots in Bashirhat and Asansol. The government and CM targeted him on various occasions."

CM responsible for cut money, attacks on BJP workers: Vijayvargiya

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JULY 27

WEST BENGAL BJP in charge Kailash Vijayvargiya on Saturday said Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is "responsible" for attacks on his party workers and "cut money" in the state.

"I wish good sense prevails in the Trinamool Congress. Here police are working on its behalf. Our party workers are being beaten up and their houses set on fire. But police are arresting only our workers. This has become a common trend in West Bengal. The chief minister is responsible for this," Vijayvargiya told media after a meeting with party leaders and workers in Hooghly district.

"The CM is responsible for cut money. For seven years, she was silent. Now, she is exposing her party workers to save her chair. This is unfortunate," he said.

Hooghly TMC president Dilip Yadav said the party will not pay heed to someone whose son attacked a government official.

In Birbhum's Hatikara village, BJP workers and villagers, armed with sticks and bamboo poles, blocked a road and protested alleged attacks by TMC workers. The village was allegedly raided on Friday, followed by an assault on some villagers.

AFTER OPPN PARTIES WRITE TO RAJYA SABHA CHAIRMAN ON GOVT 'RUSH' TO PASS BILLS

8 of 10 Bills introduced in RS under Naidu sent to House panels: officials

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, JULY 27

A DAY after 17 opposition parties wrote to Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu, flagging concerns about the government rushing through Bills, sources in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat on Saturday said that eight of 10 Bills introduced first in the Upper House in the last two years were referred to department-related standing committees.

As per procedure, Bills can be referred to a standing committee only when they are introduced in a particular House, and not when they are transmitted, officials said.

On the RTI Bill, an official said, "The RTI Bill was not sent to the select committee following due process. The Opposition insisted on referring the Bill as passed by Lok Sabha to the select committee, but they (Opposition) lost the vote."

The Bills that the Rajya Sabha sent to Parliamentary standing committees during Naidu's tenure as presiding officer of the House are Allied and Healthcare Professionals Bill, Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill, International Financial Services Centres Bill, National Institutes of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management Bill,

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How a Bill is sent for scrutiny

PROCEDURALLY, A Bill can be referred to a department-related standing committee of Parliament for scrutiny only by the House where it is first introduced. If a Bill is introduced first in Lok Sabha, that House can, if it so desires, refer the Bill to a standing committee. If a Bill introduced in and then passed by Lok Sabha and transmitted to Rajya Sabha, the Upper House, if it so desires, can refer it to a select committee of RS.

If a Bill is first introduced in the Upper House, the House, if it wants, can send it to standing committee.

National Commission for Homeopathy Bill, National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Bill, Constitution (125th Amendment) Bill, and Registration of Marriage of Non-Resident Indian Bill.

The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, introduced in and passed by Lok Sabha after scrutiny by the standing committee, was sent to the Rajya Sabha, which sent it to a select committee of RS.

Two Bills that were first introduced in the Upper House but not referred to the standing committee are Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order

(Amendment) Bill, and Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Second Amendment) Bill.

Besides, the Lok Sabha had referred seven Bills to the standing committees. These are The Code of Wages Bill 2019, National Medical Commission Bill 2019, Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill 2019 (also referred to select committee Rajya Sabha), Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill 2019, Consumer Protection Bill 2019, Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill 2019, and Interstate River Water Disputes (Amendment) Bill 2019.

These seven Bills are proposed to be taken up in Rajya

Sabha during the current session, now that it has been extended till August 7.

In their letter, the opposition parties stated, "While we understand our responsibility and the need to enact legislation, any attempt by the government to undermine the privileges of members, rules and established conventions will diminish the role of the Council of States as envisaged by our founding fathers."

The signatories are Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad of the Congress, Derek O'Brien (TMC), Ram Gopal Yadav (SP), Tiruchi Siva (DMK), T K Rangarajan (CPM), Majeed Memon (NCP), Manoj Kumar Jha (RJD), S C Misra (BSP), Sanjay Singh (SSP), and Vaiko (MDMK).

During the ongoing 249th Session of Rajya Sabha, Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Bill, Arbitration and Conciliation Bill, 2019 and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Bill, 2019 were first introduced in Rajya Sabha and were passed without being referred to standing committees.

Sources in the government said that since the committees are yet to be formed, that was not an option.

One more Bill - Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill - is still to be taken up for consideration in Rajya Sabha.

KARNATAKA

BJP considers no-confidence motion against Speaker

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BENGALURU, JULY 27

A DAY after it came to power in Karnataka, the BJP was contemplating bringing a no-confidence motion against Speaker K R Ramesh Kumar if he does not voluntarily vacate the post, party sources said on Saturday.

The message has been discreetly conveyed to Kumar to give up the post, which is conventionally held by a member of the ruling party, the sources said, ahead of Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa moving the confidence motion in the Assembly on Monday to prove his majority.

"We will move the no-confidence motion against the

Speaker if he does not resign," a senior state BJP leader told PTI requesting anonymity.

"Our first agenda is to win the confidence motion and get the finance Bill passed on Monday. We will wait and see whether the Speaker steps down on his own," he added.

Meanwhile, former Prime Minister and JDS chief H D Deve Gowda ruled out any support to the BJP government headed by Yediyurappa, saying his party would play the role of a "constructive" opposition.

Gowda made the position clear a day after a section of JD(S) legislators asked former Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy to extend support to the BJP government.

Athawale: Rajasthan, MP may see Karnataka-like situation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, JULY 27


UNION MINISTER Ramdas Athawale on Saturday said the BJP could soon form the government in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh like in Karnataka.

"I think that the way some Congress MLAs resigned in Karnataka... And now BJP government has come to power there... In a similar way, I feel that very soon, such movements can happen in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh and here

too the Congress government can be changed and a BJP government could come to power," Athawale told reporters here.

Athawale had earlier said that Congress was in power in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Karnataka but people gave 99.9 per cent mandate in favour of PM Narendra Modi. "The way MLAs resigned in Karnataka, they have that right... As per the Constitution, an elected MLA or representative, they have the right to resign. This is not a matter of betraying democracy," Athawale said.

*Series 2: Know about Women Participation in Lok Sabha Elections 2019



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Bridging the Gender Gap:

- ♀ No. of registered women voters for 2019 elections was 438,491,517 as compared to 397,049,941 for 2014 elections.
- ♀ Gender ratio in the electoral rolls increased to a historic 930 in 2019 as compared to 908 in 2014.
- ♀ Gender gap between male and female voters reduced to just 0.10% in 2019 elections as compared to 1.46% in 2014 election.
- ♀ 18 States & UTs (A&N Islands - 65.38%, Arunachal Pradesh - 80.70%, Bihar - 59.60%, Chandigarh - 70.83%, Dadra & Nagar Haveli - 81.17%, Daman and Diu - 75.47%, Goa - 76.16%, Himachal Pradesh - 72.08%, Jharkhand - 64.92%, Kerala - 78.80%, Lakshadweep - 86.49%, Manipur - 84.14%, Meghalaya - 73.94%, Odisha - 74.14%, Puducherry - 81.52%, Tamil Nadu - 72.20%, Uttarakhand - 64.45%, West Bengal - 81.80%) recorded higher female participation than male participation in Lok Sabha election 2019.
- ♀ Atleast one All-Woman managed polling station established in each Assembly Constituency of the country during Lok Sabha Election 2019 where entire polling staff, including police officer and security personnel deployed were women.
- ♀ 78 Women MPs have been elected in Lok Sabha 2019 election compared to 62 Women MPs elected in 2014 election.

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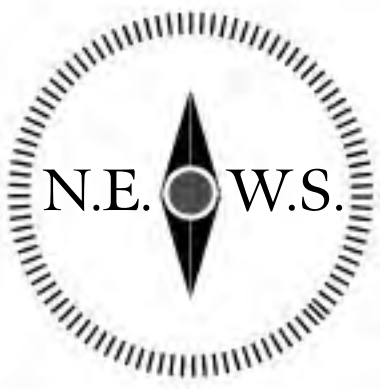
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NORTH

Amarinder scraps Fazilka DC's order on dress code

Ludhiana: Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh on Saturday scrapped a dress code order issued by Fazilka Deputy Commissioner Manpreet Singh Chhatwal that made dupattas mandatory for women government staff and banned T-shirts for men during duty hours. To maintain the "office deco-

rum" and to "end the difference in clothing pattern between employees", Chhatwal had Friday issued the directive that also warned of action against those who violate the orders. The CM scrapped the order, saying imposition of a dress code in a government office did not appear to be a feasible option. **ENS**



Officials attempt to remove a whale shark, washed ashore near Royapuram fishing harbour in Chennai, on Saturday. **PTI**

WEST

Man held for beating father to death over land dispute

Mumbai: A 32-year-old man has been arrested for allegedly bludgeoning his father to death in Maharashtra's Yavatmal district, police said on Saturday. Namdeo Uravate allegedly killed his father Dattu Uravate at Khapri village in Jhari tehsil in the early hours of Friday because the latter was not ready to give him his share in the property.

The two had an argument over the issue on Thursday night before going to sleep. Around 2 am, Namdeo entered his father's room and allegedly began to hit him on the head with a bamboo stick, the official said. After being alerted, a team of Patan police station reached the spot in the morning and arrested Namdeo. **PTI**

EAST

2 policemen, home guard arrested for robbing woman

Guwahati: Two policemen and a home guard have been arrested on charges of robbing a woman from Mizoram of Rs 20 lakh in Guwahati, police said Saturday. Debaraj Upadhaya, joint commissioner of police, told *The Indian Express* that the woman was visiting Guwahati, accompanied by one Prakash Sonar.

"(Sonar) contacted home guard Bipul Hazarika with a plan to loot the Rs 20 lakh. Sub-inspectors Jon Pathari and Pranjal Bora joined the conspiracy," Upadhaya said. Biren Baruah, in-charge of the Dispur police station, said, "After the complaint, Sonar confessed and based on that we made the arrests Friday." **ENS**

SOUTH

3 health dept officials suspended for dance video

Hyderabad: A day after two physiotherapy trainees were suspended for taking a video at a state-run hospital here, another similar incident in a government office came to light in Telangana on Saturday. Three women employees have been suspended for indiscipline as they had allegedly shot a video of them performing to some songs, which has gone viral, a

senior official said. All the three — two junior assistants and a lab attendant — had been appointed on compassionate grounds following the death of their mothers, the official said. On Friday, two students of physiotherapy undergoing training at a state-run hospital here were suspended after a video of them performing to film songs went viral. **PTI**

Jaish IED expert, aide behind Pulwama blast killed in J&K

BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, JULY 27

TWO JAISH-E-MOHAMMAD militants including a top commander, responsible for a car blast last month that claimed the lives of two security personnel, were killed in a joint operation Saturday in south Kashmir.

Police have termed the killing of the Jaish commander, identified as Munna Lahori, a major success, saying he was responsible for car bombs triggered at Ramban on March 30 and Pulwama in June.

While police and security forces had halted anti-militancy operations in south Kashmir in wake of the Amarnath yatra,

Saturday's operation was the first in the region in the past three weeks.

"Top most Jaish commander of south Kashmir Munna Lahori from Pakistan killed this morning along with his local associate after a night-long operation," said the Jammu and Kashmir Police. "The slain Jaish commander was responsible for car blast attack on security force convoy at Banihal and fatal car blast on Army vehicle at Arihal Pulwama".

On March 30, militants made a failed attempt to ram an explosives-laden car into a paramilitary convoy at Ramban on the Srinagar-Jammu highway. While the militant managed to ram the car into the convoy, the IED did-

n't explode. The militant was later arrested. In June, militants detonated a car bomb at Arihal in Pulwama killing two soldiers and injuring close a dozen civilians.

Lahori, police sources said, was an expert in making Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and was the brain behind the recent attacks. "This terrorist from Pakistan was known for making IEDs and responsible for series of civilian killings," police said. "JeM was also using him for recruitment".

Late Friday, a joint team of police, Army and paramilitary forces cordoned off the Bonabazar neighbourhood of Shopian after specific inputs about the presence of militants in the area.

As the joint team of forces zeroed in on the target house, the holed up militant opened fire resulting in the death of two militants - Lahori and a local Jaish militant Zeenat-ul-Islam.

Police sources said Lahori was not on the security radar for a long time and that he had managed to enter the Valley early this year or late last year.

According to police, his killing is a huge setback to Jaish and its plans to carry out attacks. "In recent months, militants had shifted their focus towards IED attacks and he was an expert in making the IEDs from locally available materials," said a police officer. "That made him a valuable asset for the militants and a headache for the security agencies".

After 23 years in jail and acquittal in 3 states, faith unshaken in system

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, JULY 27

ABDUL GANI Goni, 57, has spent 23 years of his life in jail, facing charges that police of three states failed to establish during trials. However, he still has faith in India and its establishments.

"Why not? If there are people who are bad, there are also people who are good and honest. The former are fewer, but they cause much damage. The good and honest people are not allowed to work by those who are bad," Goni said.

"The corrupt are not the only ones to occupy higher positions, the honest also get a chance," he added, referring to the ordeal that began with his arrest by Gujarat ATS in 1996 and ended with his release 23 years later along with five others from Jaipur Central Jail on Tuesday. They were acquitted by the Rajasthan High Court in the Samleti blast case. The High Court held that prosecution had failed to provide evidence of conspiracy and could not establish a link between them and the main accused, Dr Abdul Hameed, whose death sentence was upheld. While one was from UP's Agra district, Goni hailed from J&K's Bhaderwah town and the others from Srinagar.

Goni said he was associated with Allahwale, an organisation whose members preach about religion. For this, he recalled, in 1996 he went to Banglawali masjid in Delhi, and then to Vishakhapatnam with a group of 10-15 people. After spending 40 days there, they boarded Delhi-bound Samta Express on May 30. At a station, Goni said, some people boarded the train and asked passengers their names. On learning that he was from Jammu and Kashmir, they took him into custody blindfolded.



Abdul Ghani Goni (centre) with his brother and sister at his relative's house in Jammu. **Express**

"Next morning, I learnt I was at Shahi Bagh ATS in Ahmedabad. After questioning started, they realised I was innocent. A young police officer ordered my release. However, a Deputy SP instructed officials to hold me for a day. There had been a blast in Delhi (Lajpat Nagar) and they were looking for a Kashmiri to frame. There was a red alert but I had no knowledge about it," Goni said, adding that they continued to keep him in "illegal detention".

He said he was kept in 14 days' police remand without being produced before a judge. "They showed me to be a Pakistani national. They were in such a hurry to send me to Sabarmati jail that they did not even get my signatures on the chargesheet or my purported statement," he said, adding that the officers knew he was inno-

cent but had to detain him until they got the real culprits.

Within hours of reaching Sabarmati jail, he said, he was taken to Rajasthan on transit remand. "During the entire 18-hour journey to Jaipur, they made me sit on the stepney of the jeep, handcuffed and face covered with a cloth."

There they slapped two cases — for blasts in Sawai Mansingh Stadium at Jaipur and a bus near Samleti village — on him and sought 14-day police remand in each case. "They kept me in detention but did not question me for 28 days," he said. "They produced me before an IGP Rathore. He gave me tea in his office and told me he knew I was innocent, and that he would ensure I am not framed."

Then he was taken to Jaipur Central jail. However, within two hours, they brought him out on

14-day police remand in the stadium blast case, and then sent him back to jail.

Eight days later he was taken to Delhi in connection with the Lajpat Nagar blast, and kept there for 14 days "without any questioning". On the last day, he said, the investigating officer made him sign a statement purportedly recorded under Section 161 of CrPC, but it did not contain any serious charge.

"The judge sent me to Tihar jail pending trial. While trial started in Delhi and Ahmedabad, Rajasthan police in 1998 withdrew charges of my involvement in the stadium blast as they had arrested another group," Goni said. In September 2008, a court in Gujarat acquitted him of the charge of being a Pakistani terrorist.

In 2010, he was acquitted in the Lajpat Nagar blast case, with the judge observing that he was kept in jail for 14 years though the charges were not maintainable, Goni recalled.

After this he was taken into custody by Rajasthan police to face trial in the Samleti blast case. In 2014, the trial court gave life term to five accused. They appealed in the Rajasthan High Court, which pronounced its order earlier this week.

A BSc graduate from Jammu University, Goni was 34 at the time of his arrest. He was running a middle school along with a private tuition centre in Bhaderwah.

Goni said his false implication in case after case and prolonged trials had ruined his life. He could not meet his mother, who died in hospital, as he could not get parole from Supreme Court, he said.

Pointing out that he would try to start life afresh, Goni said that many of his students are now doctors, engineers and even judges. "I may not be able to recognise them, but they will certainly recognise me," he said.

ROW OVER ROAD SPACE

Agra judge shifted for making cop 'take off uniform in court'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JULY 27

A DAY after the Agra SSP sent a report to the Registrar General of Allahabad High Court and the district judge about an Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate (ACJM) summoning a police constable to his court and allegedly asking him to take off his uniform as 'punishment' for not giving way to the magistrate's car to overtake the police van, the ACJM was transferred from Agra.

The ACJM, Santosh Kumar Yadav, was posted with the Juvenile Justice Board, Agra. The Allahabad High Court website Saturday uploaded the order on the transfer of Yadav as Secretary (full-time), District Legal Services Authority, Mahoba district.

SSP Agra, Babloo Kumar, has also ordered a detailed inquiry into the matter.

"After coming to know about the matter, I got a preliminary inquiry done. Later, I forwarded the report to the Registrar General of Allahabad High Court and Agra District Judge," said Kumar, adding that a copy of the report was forwarded to DGP Om Prakash Singh. He said circle officer, Achhnera area, Namrita Srivastava, was asked to conduct a detailed inquiry and get statements of the constable and others recorded.

Station Officer (SO), Malpura police station, Mahesh Singh Yadav, said that on Friday around 11.50 am, they were informed through police control room that a police constable-and-driver had taken off his uniform inside the court of Juvenile Justice Board. The message was sent to the police control room by a local resident, added the SO.

"I went to the juvenile home where court of Juvenile Justice Board is located. I entered the courtroom to find 58-year-old constable, Ghure Lal standing inside with his uniform's shirt, cap and the belt removed. I collected details with the court staff and later spoke to ACJM Santosh Kumar Yadav. He was angry over the police constable not giving way to his car despite the driver blowing horn repeatedly in a bid to overtake," said the officer.

He said, "Later, on a request, ACJM ordered constable to wear the uniform and the accessories and allowed to leave the court room after issuing a warning. In the meantime, Srivastava also reached the court."

Srivastava told *The Sunday Express* that the police constable told them that he and three other police constables were escorting an inmate of Agra district jail to be produced before the court of Juvenile Justice Board.

"Ghurelal was driving the police van... The vehicle had reached near Juvenile Home when a car coming from behind blew horn to overtake. Ghurelal told us that since it was a narrow passage, there was no space to give way for a vehicle to overtake, but the car driver was blowing horn repeatedly," said Srivastava.

"Ghurelal said that as he got down of the police van, the car's driver walked up to him and said the magistrate had called him inside the court," said the CO.

"Ghurelal said when he reached the courtroom, the magistrate scolded him for not giving way to his car. Ghurelal said the magistrate also threatened to take away his job and asked him to remove his uniform and keep standing inside the courtroom."

Sadhvi Prachi booked for asking Hindus to 'boycott kanwars made by Muslims'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MEERUT, JULY 27

THREE DAYS after Hindutva leader Sadhvi Prachi allegedly urged kanwarias to boycott kanwars made by members of a particular community, an FIR was registered against her at Doghat police station in Uttar Pradesh's Baghpat on Saturday.

"Around 99 per cent of kanwars you people use... are prepared by Muslims. My advice to you is to boycott the kanwars made by them, and encourage your Hindu brothers to make the same so that they can earn their livelihood during the holy month of Shraavan," she said at Baghpat's Doha on Wednesday.

The FIR at Doghat police station was registered by a sub-inspector, Bhagwat Prasad Sharma, under Sections 153,



Sadhvi Prachi

153 A, 505(2) and 188 of the IPC, police said.

"Action will be taken after we complete our investigation," Baghpat SP Shailesh Kumar Pandey told *The Sunday Express* on phone.

Prachi's remarks came days after Samajwadi Party leader and Kairana MLA Nahid Hasan urged Muslims to not purchase items sold by shops owned by BJP supporters.

After his remarks triggered criticism, Shamli police filed an FIR against Hasan, saying that the statement may ignite communal passions in the region.

Herself on TikTok, Gujarat officer says woman cop suspended not for dance but over uniform

VAIBHAV JHA & AISHWARYA MOHANTY
AHMEDABAD, VADODARA, JULY 27

TWO DAYS after a police constable, Alpita Chaudhary, 24, was suspended when videos of her dancing and singing, shot inside a police station for video-sharing app TikTok, went viral on Wednesday, videos of the IPS officer probing her case — Manjita Vanzara — surfaced on the same app on Friday.

Vanzara, 30, former IPS officer D G Vanzara's niece, said the constable was suspended not because of the video but since she was "not wearing uniform during duty hours".

Defending her own video, Vanzara said she has every right to be on social media, as a "young police officer".

While Chaudhary could not be contacted, in an interview to local news channels she has said that she was "punished for the wrong" she did.

Police chiefs of both Ahmedabad and Vadodara said



Videograbs from the TikTok videos of IPS officer Manjita Vanzara and suspended Constable Alpita Chaudhary.

police personnel in uniform should not be engaged in any act that harms the force's image.

Ahmedabad Police Commissioner A K Singh said, "We are looking at the individual cases. We will scrutinise whether they pass the litmus test of conduct and discipline rules."

Commissioner of Police, Vadodara city, Anupamsinh Gahlaut said, "Shooting a video on a song while dressed in uniform doesn't give a proper impression (of the force)."



Duet is the unofficial term of TikTok users in which two videos of different users are merged to get the "ultimate" video.

One of Chaudhary's videos shows her dancing to a Bollywood song inside Langhnaj police station, in the backdrop of a lockup. In another video, she appears to talk to people as a policewoman even as a song plays in the background.

Vanzara, 30, who conducted an inquiry into the episode, said, "She (Chaudhary) was doing an eight-hour shift. Suppose she is on duty for eight hours, she is not allowed excess use of mobile but only when necessary. Suppose she is on *bandobast* duty, she cannot get distracted." "She has been suspended for this reason, not for using TikTok," she reiterated.

Vanzara said her own video was shot from her friend's account "a year ago". She also said she is a "young, new-generation police officer who uses every app, including Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram and TikTok".

Vanzara said: "We will not be able to crack crime on social media if we are not present on it."

Chaudhary told the local channel that she has been on TikTok for the last six months; that singing and dancing are her interests, besides storytelling and making motivational videos. "I had 10,000 followers but after this episode I have 16,700 followers, half of whom support me. The other half (of followers) make fun of me," she told the channel.

Parmar, a policewoman for 23 years who has over 11,000 followers on TikTok, said she has never posted anything that might affect the honour of her job. "I know how to handle social media... this is my hobby, but many followers wanted to meet me. I told them this doesn't suit a police staffer, so they asked me to shoot a duet. I recorded a video in my house, which went viral," she said.

Vadodara policeman Arun Mishra, whose TikTok video lip-synching a song went viral, leading to an inquiry and his transfer, claimed that the video concerned was shot a year ago after duty hours. "I don't know how it went viral now. Someone has purposely done it to spoil my image," he said.

UP govt to lay foundation stone for 250 projects

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JULY 27

THE UTTAR Pradesh government will lay the foundation stone of more than 250 projects worth around Rs 65,000 crore in Lucknow on Sunday. The projects were announced during the Uttar Pradesh Investors Summit in February last year when an investment around Rs 4.68 lakh crore was proposed.

The first ground breaking ceremony was organised last July to launch industrial proposals worth around Rs 60,000 crore.

The ground breaking ceremony at the Indira Gandhi Pratishthan will be attended by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who is the chief guest, and several key industrialists, including Mukesh Ambani, Kumar Mangalam Birla, Gautam Adani, Anand Ji Mahindra, Sanjeev Puri, N Chandrasekharan, Sudhir Mehta and others.

Parallel sessions on food processing industry, defence, and aerospace and electronics manufacturing will be organised between 2 pm and 3.30 pm.

Will appear before CBI on Aug 7, says O'Brien

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 27

TRINAMOOL CONGRESS Rajya Sabha MP Derek O'Brien has informed the CBI that he would appear before them on August 7 and not on August 1 as mentioned in the notice.

"Earlier, when Parliament was in session I was served a notice. I immediately wrote to the CBI stating that since Parliament was in session I would appear on a date after the session has concluded. However, a day before I was supposed to meet the CBI, they called and informed me that I am not required to meet them. I also sent them a letter reconfirming the same. Since February, I have not received any intimation from them. Now, during this Parliament session, I was



Summoned in Saradha chit fund scam case

served a notice asking me to appear before them on August 1. I have sent them a letter stating that I would meet them after this session is over on August 7," O'Brien said in a statement.

He has been summoned in the Saradha chit fund case.

"Let me also add that I will not be intimidated," O'Brien said. The Rajya Sabha MP, who is also a spokesperson of West Bengal's ruling party, is set to face questions about financial transactions in the bank accounts related to TMC mouthpiece, *Jago Bangla*, of which he is the publisher.

Rawat: Italian scientists found that cow exhales 80% oxygen

'Govts must rethink approach towards tech regulation'

Justice Chandrachud says privacy is a constantly evolving issue

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UTTARAKHAND CHIEF Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat has claimed that Italian scientists have found that 80 per cent of what the cow exhales is oxygen.

TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS pose certain broad challenges to privacy, Supreme Court Justice D Y Chandrachud said Saturday. "Privacy is a complex and constantly evolving issue.

Speaking to news agency ANI on Friday, he said several scientists have backed this claim and mentioned Professor R S Chauhan of the College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences in Pantnagar.

"Technology has outpaced lawmakers. Governments have to rethink their approach towards the regulation of tech that intersects with the individual identity," Justice Chandrachud, who gave a dissenting order in the Supreme Court's Aadhaar

In the video circulated widely earlier this week, Rawat at an event said massaging the cow can cure breathing problems and living in close proximity to the cow can cure tuberculosis too.

Days after Vyapam order, MP minister wants dumper scam case to be reopened

MILINDGHATWAI BHOPAL, JULY 27

DAYS AFTER the Congress government in Madhya Pradesh ordered fresh probe into some Vyapam scam cases, a state minister on Saturday advocated reopening of the "dumper scam", in which former Chief Minister and senior BJP leader Shivraj Singh Chouhan was one of the accused.



Justice D Y Chandrachud at MS University, Baroda, on Saturday. Bhupendra Rana

judgment, said. "The challenges I want to speak to you about are broadly two, challenges that arise from the text of our Constitution, and challenges arising from the changing nature of our society.

phrases which remain undefined and unexplored words," Chandrachud said in his address to students of MS University, Baroda.

Govind Singh, who holds the General Administration portfolio, said the dumper scam should be investigated again because there was "evidence" of alleged irregularities.

Congress leader K K Mishra, among those who pursued the alleged dumper scam in various courts, said files have been sent to CM Kamal Nath for consideration

the government in the Assembly on July 24.

Ordering fresh probes in Vyapam and e-tendering scams was mentioned in the Congress manifesto for last year's Assembly polls. A few days ago, the Kamal Nath government ordered probe into Vyapam cases not being investigated by the CBI.

DAY AFTER GIVING ED SLEUTH THE 'SLIP' Kamal Nath nephew seeks, granted interim relief from arrest

DEEPTIMANTIWARY NEW DELHI, JULY 27

DAYS AFTER two BJP MLAs in Madhya Pradesh appeared at a press conference with Chief Minister Kamal Nath and announced their support for the Congress-led government in the state, Nath's nephew Ratul Puri on Saturday sought anticipatory bail from a court on the ground that he feared arrest by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

Special Judge Inderjeet Singh granted Puri interim relief from arrest until Monday in connection with a money laundering case related to the AgustaWestland VVIP chopper scam. The court will next hear the matter on Monday.

ponentially increasing and technology is touching everyone, both state and non-state actors. The problem arises when the rate at which tech changes increases exponentially but social, economic, and legal systems change incrementally.

Crediting the vision of Dr B R Ambedkar for Indians being free citizens of a free nation, Justice Chandrachud said: "Dr Ambedkar essentially realised when he was drafting the Constitution that a parallel movement was taking shape at the time of Independence.

Rights not static, they change with socio-economic context, says Mukherjee

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 27



Former President Pranab Mukherjee at the book launch in New Delhi, Saturday. PTI

FORMER PRESIDENT of India Pranab Mukherjee on Saturday said that rights were not static but changed with the socio-economic context. He gave the example of laws dealing with environment and property to make his point.

Mukherjee was speaking at the launch of the book 'Discourse on Rights in India: Debates and Dilemmas' published by Routledge and edited by Miranda House Acting Principal Bijayalaxmi Nanda and Kamala Nehru College Assistant Professor Nupur Ray.

people strongly felt about the environment as an issue since it affected them directly. Similarly, he said, the property law underwent changes many times. Mukherjee said the issue of rights is raised around elections and that it would continue to be a discussed topic. "Debate will and should continue," he said.

at the "cusp of social and economic rights revolution" but a lot had changed since then. He then said there were two different challenges. "We've started redefining who we the people are, and in redefining that we are redefining who must get their rights," he said.

Kerala: Man, his brother arrested for killing girlfriend

Thiruvananthapuram: A man and his brother were arrested on Saturday for allegedly killing his 30-year-old girlfriend and burying her body in the backyard of his under-construction house, an official said.

Acting on a tip-off, police arrested Akhil from the Thiruvananthapuram airport, the official said. "We got information that he will reach the airport in the night. We were closely monitoring his movements. He is being interrogated and will be produced before the court tomorrow," he said.

for over six years and she started quarrelling with him when she got to know that he was getting married to another woman. Akhil and his brother Rahul hatched a conspiracy to kill Rakhi and they strangled her and buried her body in the backyard of their under-construction house, police said.

Azam Khan 'land mafia', cheat, says Sangeet Som

Meerut: Slamming Azam Khan for his remarks against Bihar MP Rama Devi, BJP MLA Sangeet Som on Saturday said the Samajwadi Party MP is not only a "land mafia" but also a cheat.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of an event at Modipuram Highway, the BJP legislator from Sardhana in UP said: "Azam Khan is not only a land mafia but a 420 (cheat) as well."

Punjab district gets green rider: For gun licence, plant 10 trees

The DC's office said that all the 930 applicants have been added to plant 10 saplings in addition to the files they have already submitted, paving the way for another 9,300 trees in

the district. Ferozepur has handed out 21,221 arms licences so far and receives nearly 500 applications every year. Incidentally, Punjab has 6.87 per cent forest cover currently, still far from the target of more than 20 per cent. The four-laning of highways or road widening work across the state has also meant the uprooting of lakhs of trees.

week to oversee work done on health and nutrition but included the gun licence initiative too. "I visited Ferozepur to look at the work as per the aspirational districts program. As I came across this novel idea, I planned to see this effort as well," he said.

Meanwhile, in Jhok Hari Har village, Sandhu has planted jamun trees along the road and neem trees outside his house. "Sukhchain's saplings have also been planted near my farm. These plants will not only give shade but passers-by can eat the jamun fruit too," he said.

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A constable now, Alwar rape survivor says will ensure 'jo mere saath hua kisi ladki ke saath na ho'

been removed, but even then a lot of people have seen it... Everyone in Alwar had seen it. People point at me and say, 'Isi ka video tha (It was his video)'. I can feel their eyes on me," he said.

for work, they say, 'Apko akele kahan bhejein?' (Where do we send you alone?)," she said. Deputy Commissioner of Police Kavindra Singh Sagar, however, said the woman's job and role in the force have been finalised. "She has been given a joining letter and will be going for police training very soon. If she faces any issue, we will help her out," he said.

president Rahul Gandhi met the survivor and promised action. All the six accused have been arrested, and the woman has received compensation from the government.



Waterlogged in Mumbai suburb Kalyan, where an IAF team rescued nine people stranded on a rooftop on Saturday. Deepak Joshi

13 dead in Rajasthan as heavy rain lashes state

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, JULY 27

THIRTEEN PEOPLE have died in Rajasthan due to weather-related mishaps in the last two days as rains lashed several parts of the state, officials said on Saturday.

According to officials, the districts where the deaths took place are Jaipur, Sikar and Jhunjhunu.

"Six people have died in Sikar, four in Jaipur while three people have died in Jhunjhunu. The deaths happened due to weather-related mishaps such as flood-like situation or walls of houses collapsing," Ashutosh AT Pednekar, secretary to government, disaster management, relief and civil defence department, told *The Sunday Express*.

He said state disaster response forces have been pre-deployed in districts where there could be potential damage because of the rains.

"We have also kept the NDRF

Weather department officials said Jaipur, Kota, Tonk, Bhilwara and Ajmer have seen the highest rainfall in the last two days

in Ajmer and SDRF in Jaipur on standby. We have adequate forces and have made arrangements to deal with the situation. Advisories have been issued to district collectors and flood-prone areas in each district have been identified," said Pednekar.

According to officials from the weather department, Jaipur, Kota, Tonk, Bhilwara and Ajmer have seen the highest rainfall in the last two days.

The officials said that between Friday and Saturday morning, Vanasthali in Tonk district received the highest rainfall in the state with 99.8 mm followed by Jaipur (84mm) and Ajmer (64.2mm).

1,000 rescued from train stranded near Thane

NEERAJ TIWARI & GARGI VERMA
MUMBAI, JULY 27

LATE ON Saturday afternoon, rescuers ferried to safety 1,050 passengers stranded overnight on a train marooned on an inundated railway track near Badlapur in Shahapur district, nearly 49 km from Thane.

The train, Kolhapur-bound Mahalaxmi Express, had left Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus some 18 hours earlier on Friday evening.

The dramatic rescue operations that began Saturday morning saw the Indian Navy, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Central Railway (CR), Thane Disaster Management Cell, Kalyan-Dombivli Disaster Management Cell, Badlapur police, and the Mumbai Fire Brigade working together.

Rescue boats and two helicopters were deployed to get passengers out of the 22 coaches of the train that was surrounded by at least 3 feet of water.

The train was stuck 3 km from the nearest station, Badlapur, after Shahapur district recorded 195 mm of rain in 24 hours ending 8.30 am Saturday.

At 4.06 am, the train came a halt near Chamtoli village. The tracks ahead had disappeared under water. The train was



Stranded passengers rescued by NDRF. Deepak Joshi

caught in what resembled a water body.

At about 4.15 am, the Central Railway Control Room received the first distress call. During the time the train still had power, four Train Ticket Examiners (TTEs) on board used a microphone available with a passenger, a police officer, to inform passengers in all 22 coaches about the situation, and to ensure there was no panic.

"The train had proceeded on its way as water had begun receding, but after a sudden spell of intense rainfall, coupled with the overflowing of the Ulhas river, the train was completely stuck in deep water near the Chamtoli village," Sunil Udasi, Chief Public Officer, Central Railway, said.

The Central Railway's escort party in the train spoke to passengers, and teams of the local city police and the six RPF officers on board distributed food

and biscuits. They also urged passengers to not attempt to get off the train.

The Disaster Control authorities of the Maharashtra government took a decision to airlift the stranded passengers. By about 11 am, one coach had been evacuated by the Thane Disaster Management Cell.

What ensued thereafter was a massive rescue operation with the Indian Navy's Western Naval Command mobilising eight of its rescue teams including three diving teams, rescue material, inflatable boats, and life jackets. A Sea King 42C helicopter was rushed to the site. An Air Force Mi17 helicopter too, aided the rescue operations.

Two columns of the Indian Army, with 130 trained staff, food packages, water and rescue material, were despatched, along with two columns of the Army's Air Defence unit in Kalina.

While rescue operations were under way, rescue workers were alerted about a pregnant woman on board who was going into labour. The woman was rescued by NDRF in inflatable boats and taken to a nearby hospital.

Earlier in the day, Central Railway authorities tried to tow the train out of the water-logged spot with a diesel engine but were unsuccessful. According to Udasi, the train will be removed once the water level on the tracks reduces.

Red alert issued for Mumbai, Thane today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, JULY 27

HEAVY RAIN pounded adjoining districts of Mumbai since Friday night, with the IMD recording 115 mm of average rainfall, which falls under the "heavy" category, in Thane from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm on Saturday. In 24 hours since 8.30 am on Friday, Thane recorded 236 mm of rainfall. Since July 1, the district had recorded 2,071.2 mm of rainfall.

On Saturday afternoon, the IMD issued a red alert for Mumbai, Thane, Palghar and Raigad districts for Sunday, with forecast of extremely heavy rain at isolated places. Red alert means people should take action to keep themselves safe and that widespread damage, travel and power disruption and risk to life is likely.

The IMD also issued a warning to fishermen on the Maharashtra coast while advising them not to venture into the sea for the next two days.

In Mumbai and its suburbs, rain continued throughout Saturday, with some heavy spells. In 24 hours, from 8.30 am on Friday, the Santacruz weather ob-

servatory — representative of the suburbs — recorded 219.2 mm, which is extremely heavy rainfall. During the same period, the Colaba observatory, which is representative of the island city, recorded 90 mm of rainfall.

Of the 219.2 mm of rainfall recorded in 24 hours at Santacruz observatory, 196 mm was recorded in 15 hours — from 5.30 pm on Friday to 8.30 am on Saturday. While 15.6 mm to 64.4 mm of rain is considered moderate, 64.5 mm to 115.5 mm is heavy, 115.6 mm to 204.4 mm is very heavy and more than 204.5 mm is extremely heavy.

"Due to the strengthening of monsoon currents and the formation of low pressure area over north-west Bay of Bengal, the rainfall intensity is very likely to increase over north Konkan during next 48 hours," said the press statement by the regional meteorological centre. The weather bureau has asked residents to avoid outdoor travel as much as possible.

Rainfall recorded in Mumbai's suburbs between Friday and Saturday was the second highest for the season. Heavy rain spell on July 2 and 3

had recorded 375 mm in 24 hours, which was the highest since July 2005.

Neighbouring areas of Mumbai, too, received very heavy to extremely heavy rain. While Karjat recorded 303 mm, the figure for Murbad was 332 mm and Shahapur 195 mm over 24 hours till 8.30 am on Saturday. Ambernath (280 mm), Ulhasnagar (296 mm) and Kalyan (230 mm) witnessed waterlogging and extremely heavy rainfall.

After 8 am on Saturday, rainfall eased over south and central Mumbai, with Colaba observatory recording 19.8 mm between 8.30 am and 5.30 pm. Santacruz observatory recorded 15.3 mm during the same duration. In Mumbai, Mulund West recorded highest rainfall at 42 mm till 1.30 pm on Saturday, followed by Mulund East at 40 mm and Bhandup West at 28.8 mm.

"Under the influence of an upper air cyclonic circulation over south Gujarat, strong westerly wind continue to draw moisture and thick cloud cover along the Mumbai coast leading to active monsoon conditions with short bursts of heavy rain," said an official from IMD, Mumbai.



A traffic jam near Manimarg on the Srinagar-Leh highway on Saturday, after landslides hit Zojila pass. Shuaib Masoodi

Rain triggers mudslides, traffic suspended on Jammu-Srinagar highway

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BANIHAL, JAMMU, JULY 27

TRAFFIC ON Jammu-Srinagar national highway was suspended on Saturday due to mudslides after heavy rains at several places in Ramban district, leaving hundreds of vehicles stranded, officials said.

Intermittent rainfall lashed many parts of Jammu and Kashmir since Wednesday evening and are likely to continue till Sunday.

Rolling down of stones from hillocks overlooking the highway and mudslides occurred at several places, including Panthiyal, Iron stand Digdole, Battery Cheshma, Anokhi fall and Kelamoh near the 270-km highway, forcing suspension of traffic, the officials said. They said traffic on the highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir Valley with rest of the country, was suspended soon after a Kashmir-bound convoy carrying 3,926 pilgrims crossed the trouble-prone area around forenoon.

Hundreds of commuters, including Amarnath pilgrims returning from Kashmir, were left stranded, officials said, adding that continuous rain was hampering the clearance

operation. Two private passenger vehicles were hit after stones rolled down near Battery Cheshma but the passengers escaped unhurt, they said.

Meanwhile, the 434-km Srinagar-Leh national highway remained closed for traffic for the third day on Saturday due to multiple landslides and cloud-burst in Zojilla Pass area, officials said. Efforts are on to restore the only road linking frontier Ladakh region with rest of the state, they said.

In an alert, J&K Meteorological Department director Sonam Lotus stated that intermittent moderate to heavy rain over the last couple of days had left the soil saturated and additional showers may trigger landslides, flash floods and mudslides. "General public and the state administration are requested to remain cautious for next few days as weather is adverse and likely to remain so over the next 24 hours," Lotus said.

In Kathua district, a bus was caught in a flash flood near Pacca Kotha; all passengers were rescued by the police with the help of local residents. The bus was coming from Billawar to Jammu when it got stuck on a flooded road, officials said.

Among stranded passengers: Ailing woman's spouse, newborn

GARGI VERMA
BADLAPUR, JULY 27

FOR 34-YEAR-OLD Hazarat Ali, the trip to Kolhapur to see his critically ill wife took another grim turn after the Mahalaxmi Express was stranded near Badlapur on Saturday. "My daughters got lost, I had to walk through knee-deep water and all the time, I was worried about my wife," Ali said.

His daughters, aged 14 and

11, got separated from him during the rescue efforts. Ali found them with the help of the police and local disaster management teams after almost three hours.

"My wife Arshiya had gone to her native place in Kolhapur for the birth of our third child. She is critical and we have lost our baby due to some complications. I wanted to take our daughters, Maimuna and Mugisa, to see their mother over the weekend, possibly for one last time," he added.

More than 700 passengers

were stranded inside the Mahalaxmi Express in Chamtoli village, 3 km from Badlapur after incessant rains led to flooding on the tracks.

"The train was halted at Ambarnath for three hours. Then we started to move ahead but the train again got stuck near a bridge and water started streaming on the tracks," said Surendra Awale, a police constable from Sangli, who had come to Mumbai with his family to receive an award from the state DGP.

"I have won the award for the second time on Thursday. My entire family, including my son and his wife, had come and now, we are stuck," Awale added.

Awale and some members of the Kalyan Dombivli Municipal Corporation (KDMC) disaster response team said the coaches had started moving from the tracks when the rescue operation began. "Overnight rain had washed the soil away from under the train, making it lean on to the ground. Our luggage

slipped out and fell into the water," Awale said.

The NDRF teams reached the site of the marooned train on Saturday morning. "The local boys helped them get the boats into the water, carrying it over their heads," said a KDMC disaster responder.

When the NDRF reached their coach, Sameer Ali (38) was fearing for his life of his 15-day-old daughter. "We were on way to Sangli from Ajmer. We had gone to Ajmer after our baby

was born. In all, 10 of us, including my father, were stuck with no food or water or even milk for the children," he said.

The residents of Potdar Evergreen, a residential society located 3 km from the spot where the train got stranded, came out to help the responders. "The villagers of Chamtoli helped the passengers through the night. We are just trying to manage traffic and provide the passengers with food," said Pravin Chenna, a resident.

Chandigarh hotel fined Rs 25,000 for charging GST on bananas

HINA ROHTAKI
CHANDIGARH, JULY 27

THE PUBLIC relations disaster that the JW Marriott found itself in after charging actor Rahul Bose Rs 442 for two bananas, culminated Saturday when Chandigarh Excise and Taxation department slapped a penalty of Rs 25,000 on the luxury hotel.

The hotel, officials said, has been indicted and penalised for violating Section 11 (1) of Central Goods and Service Tax Act (illegal collection of tax on an exempted item) and Section 8 of UTGST Act.

"The hotel has been indicted for illegal collection of tax. They charged tax on bananas which fall under the category of fresh fruits that are tax free. We have imposed a penalty on them," UT Assistant Excise and Taxation Commissioner Rajeev Chaudhary said. Giving a break-up, the senior official said that the hotel has been penalised Rs 12,500 each under CGST and the UTGST for charging Rs 67.50 in taxes from the actor for the two bananas.

The penalty has been im-



Actor Rahul Bose was charged Rs 442 for two bananas at the hotel.

posed under section 125 of CGST Act and section 21 of UTGST Act.

On July 22, Bose had put up a video on his Twitter handle sharing a copy of the receipt that the hotel sent him for two bananas that he ordered.

The receipt listed the bananas as "fruit platter" charging Rs 375 for it. The hotel had charged Rs 33.75 each as CGST and UTGST. As the video and the tweet

went viral, spawning hundreds of memes at the expense of the hotel, Excise and Taxation Commissioner Mandip Singh Brar ordered a probe. The department constituted a three-member team that visited the hotel in Sector 35 Thursday and seized relevant records. Excise officials had stated that prima facie, it was also a case of violation of Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

The department had later served a show cause notice asking the hotel to reply by 11 am Saturday as to how they charged GST on a tax-free item.

"The hotel authorities could not give a satisfactory reply to our notice. They did come for a personal hearing and sought more time, which we denied. Citizens should be alert and can complain to us wherever they find that they are being charged illegally," Chaudhary said.

Talking to *The Sunday Express*, Brar said that the penalty should come as a warning as "charging tax on tax free items is illegal."

No official statement was released by the hotel authorities till the filing of this report.

ODISHA'S GANJAM DISTRICT

Farmers threaten protest to claim Titli insurance

SAMPAD PATNAIK
CHHATRAPUR (GANJAM),
JULY 27

AROUND 1.5 lakh farmers in southern Odisha's Ganjam district are threatening to launch a protest against the insurance company that enrolled them under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) last year.

Disagreements over the total area affected by Cyclone Titli last October lie at the heart of the controversy. According to sources in the district administration, the company paid a smaller number of affected people than identified in the post-cyclone survey.

Last October, Cyclone Titli tore through the districts of Ganjam and Gajapati with wind speeds up to 150 kmph. Heavy rainfall caused flooding in several parts of the districts. More than 60 people were killed.

"A joint team of insurance officials, agriculture and revenue department officials conducted a review. Based on eye estimation, compensation was to be given to Gram Panchayats (GPs) that sus-



Cyclone Titli tore through Ganjam and Gajapati with wind speed up to 150 kmph. File

tained 50% and above crop loss," said Manoj Behera, Deputy Director of Agriculture in Ganjam. "We initially gave a list of 112 GPs to the company, but they ended up paying in around 59 GPs." For PMFBY, a GP is considered the Insurance Unit (IU), he added.

While records accessed by *The Sunday Express* show that the company — Royal Sundaram — has paid 37,338 farmers under "standard claims" amounting to Rs 40.7 crore, among them only 16,273 have received additional "mid-season adversity claims" (for Titli) amounting to Rs 8.7

crore. In all, 1,53,194 insured farmers had paid premium of around Rs 10.35 crore.

"This is due to wrong assessment by Royal Sundaram. The company is not cooperating," said Ganjam Collector Vijay Amrut Kulange. "During the damage assessment, the company used inadequate manpower who had no experience in Ganjam, and most are from outside Odisha. We had raised objections."

Kulange has written to Royal Sundaram asking it to open a grievance cell at the collectorate. "...Also, you are directed to send

individual clarification to farmers mentioning the reason for rejection of their PMFBY claims," the letter states.

While sources said the cell has not been opened by the company, Royal Sundaram did not respond to an emailed questionnaire sent by *The Indian Express* to its Odisha head.

Many farmers have demanded that all those who received state government compensation for Titli should also receive insurance payment under PMFBY. "If the government has compensated us, it means we have sustained damage. So every farmer who has paid premium and in addition received state compensation must also receive insurance," Simanchal Nahak, secretary of Rushikulya Rayat Mahasabha, told *The Sunday Express*.

As per the district administration, farmers in 19 out of 22 blocks received state government compensation for damage during Titli. However, they said, the number of farmers who received PMFBY insurance is less because to receive compensation the damage must be 50% or

higher — a significantly higher than the government's 33%.

"Many farmers are confused between compensation and insurance. The state government paid agriculture input subsidy of Rs 13,500 per hectare of irrigated land and Rs 6,800 per hectare of non-irrigated lands to farmers who sustained crop loss of 33% and above. This has no link with insurance," Behera said.

However, farmers in the district said they cannot trust the lower levels of the district administration to give them the facts.

"If there is a distinction between and different criteria for compensation and insurance, then the agriculture cell officials should explain these to us," said Rajendra Rao, who claims he should be paid insurance for damage during Titli to his 3.5 acres of paddy in Potalampur village of Chhatrapur block.

"The Krusaka Sathis and Village Agriculture Workers have been telling us that those who have received KALIA and PM-Kisan will not receive PMFBY assistance as they are all the same schemes," he added, as his neighbours nodded in agreement.

(For admissions) We can have an interview, but there can be favouritism. Entrance exams look more plausible. They have done it in post-graduation... We had it for English (Hons)... Need a rethink on this”



WHY DR ANJU SRIVASTAVA & DR BIJAYALAXMI NANDA

For several years now, students from across the country have been vying for seats in Delhi University. But with skyrocketing cut-offs, only a few manage to get past the gates of DU every year. Dr Anju Srivastava, principal of Hindu College, which had a cut-off of 99 per cent for its

Political Science (Hons) course this year, and Dr Bijayalaxmi Nanda, the acting principal of Miranda House, have been at the centre of this long and arduous admissions process, which resulted in hundreds of students, many with 90-plus scores, failing to get a college of their choice



“Earlier, the student body was homogeneous... Now we have more diversity; learning is more on the Internet. So how do I make them read the texts I was exposed to? I see it as a lead-and-lag... We have to work on it

ANJU SRIVASTAVA: In Hindu College, and Delhi University (DU), there has been a shift in the pattern of admissions. Earlier the applicants were mostly from states such as Bihar, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh etc. In the past two-three years, we have seen an influx of students from the South. They are 100 percenters, who come with great ambition and enthusiasm. Not just that, they are also very willing to get groomed and participate in co-curricular activities. They feel it will help them in their careers in the future. The online portal of the university has also brought a marked change in the overall scenario of admissions. It has become very transparent and helped students in remote areas apply.

BIJAYALAXMI NANDA: At DU, especially Miranda House, which is a girls' college, the diversity has truly increased. It's from all over the country but the diversity from the South is marked today. Students are coming from Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana. There is also a whole lot of work that goes on in these regions to help students prepare for DU. It's like a Stanford or Princeton for them. That preparation has resulted in most of these young people seeing (DU) as their goal. The larger part of this aspiration is also linked to opportunities. So, like Dr Srivastava said, there is focus on being groomed, being part of this urbane, cosmopolitan culture. This diversity makes the campus very vibrant, the classrooms become a microcosm of the country. It is interesting, but it also comes with challenges such as language. In what way do you pitch to the class? A way of learning, where the diversity can be reflected in our teaching pedagogy, could be one of the things that we need to work on at this point. The students are prepared for DU, but is DU prepared for these young people? We should put our energies into preparing DU to address this diversity.

MALLICA JOSHI: Both your colleges are at the top of the admissions pyramid. What is your assessment of the high cut-offs in DU? And once they get admission, do these students with high percentages manage to cope with the pressures of college?

SRIVASTAVA: Most of them are from state boards. The college curriculum is very different from school and students have to adapt to it. There are challenges. It does become difficult at times, but there are mechanisms such as tutorials, the mentor-mentee system... The large numbers that we deal with, it is also a challenge for the teachers. It's about the student's self-motivation and also the environment they get in college.

NANDA: We tell them that whatever you have learnt at school, you have to unlearn now. It is very important to explain to them (students with high marks), right at the orientation, that they cannot expect to get a 100 per cent in college. Students who come from state boards with 100 per cent marks, they take about six months for acclimatisation. Many of them walk the extra mile and they are the ones excelling. When the first semester marks come in, it's a wake-up call. They realise they are no longer there (getting high marks like in school). That is the time they really need counselling. But (by this time) it is not just about academics anymore. They are looking at ways of entering the job market, joining student politics etc. If one comes with a 100 per cent (in school) and gets a B+ (in college), it can be terrifying and heart-breaking. But I think they are more resilient by that time. On its part, the college provides them with career counselling, counselling during exam time, there is a psycho-social counsellor around. We also have a lot of peer mentors in the college, so that seniors can talk to the new students. They listen to them more than they listen to us.

MALLICA JOSHI: In your experience, how many students are interested in placements after graduation compared to post-graduation, and students of which stream are the most sought after by companies?

SRIVASTAVA: The companies are mostly looking for students from economics or commerce backgrounds. Now there is also an interest in students from Maths and Statistics. There is a little bit of interest in Political Science and History. So our internship and placement cells have been working hard to rope in industries where there can be a collaboration — where the students can first be trained and then be given an offer. That is the need of the hour in order to motivate students from the science stream. Having said that, science stream students mostly opt for higher studies. They prefer internships in places such as the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, where they can also take up further studies and a PhD later on. Many

‘Imperative to have safe housing for both genders’

Dr Anju Srivastava, principal of Hindu College, and Dr Bijayalaxmi Nanda, acting principal of Miranda House, on the challenges of addressing a diverse classroom, matching up to private universities, and the syllabus controversy in under-graduate courses



Dr Anju Srivastava (centre) and Dr Bijayalaxmi Nanda (right) with Chief Reporter (Delhi) Mallica Joshi in *The Indian Express* newsroom. Abhinav Saha

also go for UPSC, IIMs etc. So not many science students are interested in direct employment. Also, many students are going abroad. That number has also increased. **NANDA:** Are all young people interested in entering the job market after under-graduation? Some of them are definitely interested. Also, there is another trend of taking a year's break, like in the West. In this period they want to take up internships to understand the job market. It is very common now. We have also had a few students who have set up their own start-ups.

MALLICA JOSHI: Universities are spaces for ideas, but like we saw after the controversy at Jawaharlal Nehru University in 2016, there is a lot of pressure on institutions now. How do you navigate these?

NANDA: The new education policy talks about critical thinking at the school level. It is linked to liberal education at the college level. Based on that understanding, I think college education is about liberal spaces, about being able to speak your mind. In Miranda House, we have had absolutely no issues. We have been open and there has never been a backlash.

RAHUL SABHARWAL: There has often been politics over the issue of whether Delhi University should only be for Delhiites. How do you perceive this debate?

SRIVASTAVA: It is a problem if political parties don't understand that it's a Central university, and that we cannot use the state domicile for admissions. We have to abide by this. We get funds and grants accordingly.

UMA VISHNU: Over the years, DU cut-offs have gone up. How much of that is reflected in the quality of students that you get? How different is the average first-year student of today compared to 15 years ago?

SRIVASTAVA: About 15-20 years ago, the syllabus and the depth of teaching was very different. By the end of three years, they were better prepared for competitive exams, for further learning, and other avenues. The first-year students now are definitely very aware, well-read, but on the Internet, and so in that way also a bit superficial.

NANDA: Qualitatively, 26 years ago, when I started teaching, there was a particular kind of student body in the room, it was homogeneous... There is more diversity

now. The learning is now more on the Internet. But there is a zeal, an enthusiasm to pick up things. So the responsibility is on the college now. This particular group was not with us earlier. How do I make them read the kind of texts I was exposed to? I see that as lead-and-lag. We have to work on it.

ARANYA SHANKAR: There has been a controversy over the syllabus of four under-graduate courses. What is your position on it?

NANDA: The session has started and we don't know what the syllabus is. It should have been resolved earlier... Those who have objections should be stakeholders. So is it the stakeholders or someone else, that should be asked. If they are not stakeholders, we have every reason to have access to who is saying no and to what. And the stakeholders should be students... There should also be teachers and administrators.

SRIVASTAVA: I would like to compliment the system for at least thinking of changing the curriculum, but it can't be overhauled because there is a shortage of time and other limitations. The team, however, has worked against all odds and has come up with some kind of a change which is very important and it should be respected. But overall the scenario is sad that a prestigious institution like DU has started its academic session and the first years are yet to be told what their curriculum would be.

SUKRITA BARUAH: What is your assessment of the private universities that have come up, which may provide a certain flexibility in teaching, better infrastructure to students?

SRIVASTAVA: Yes, these universities are

coming up very fast and doing very well. We have a little superiority complex but we should look at the good points of their system. They are doing very well in terms of versatility of courses that are on offer, the combinations... We should be able to provide that. We do devise methods for giving our students that extra edge — through add-on courses, certificate programmes in languages etc. **NANDA:** Institutions such as Ashoka University do bring in certain kind of opportunities. But having said that, the most important thing for me is that public institutions thrive. It must be protected. We can bring add-on courses and maybe we need to look at how we can make the course more flexible. The choice-based credit system does work towards that. Within all the challenges that we have, this (public institutions) is an opportunity for a young person, who is a first-generation learner, whose father is a rickshaw-puller, to come to college. I do not think private universities can match that. It's good to have both of them.

I think education has to work in a collaborative way. Ashoka University also provides a certain kind of critical independence which a Central university cannot have. So they can link with us. I think we are under pressure to stick to a particular curriculum, to maintain uniformity, and over it we try and add some new things... We could think of ways of expanding that by connecting with private universities. There is space for both. We should not see it as this or that.

RAVISH TIWARI: The Indian higher education system is a replica of the Oxbridge model. So there is a university and there are colleges. The quality of affiliate colleges sometimes lags. Can this system withstand the demographic pressures, or do you think a centralised examination system is a better answer?

SRIVASTAVA: When one of the cut-offs of our college was 99 per cent, I remember, I was opposing it tooth and nail. I said are you crazy? But I was totally wrong because even then we admitted more students than required on the first day itself. This methodology will have to be changed... There can be an interview, like in Stephen's College, but there is a chance of favouritism or prejudice there. Entrance exams, at least on the face of it, look more plausible. They have done it in post-graduation, they can do it for under-graduate programmes also. We had it for English



(Hons). We really need a rethink there. **NANDA:** Being part of the affiliate system brings a sense of uniformity in terms of rules and regulations. There is that support and I think we look for that support. I don't see it as a stranglehold of the university. In terms of faculty too, there is a uniformity. The teachers are more or less similarly equipped. The quality of the teacher is not necessarily linked to the quality of the college, if I may say so. The colleges which are struggling, it's not just because of infrastructure, it's because of legacy. It's not the faculty that is letting them down, it is the student pool that they are looking at. If a college has a student pool of, let's say, those who have scored 80 per cent — which I would say is the new 60 per cent, which is very sad — and say they are able to get a score of 7 in the CGPA, then I think that should be the parameter of studying the progress of these colleges. You cannot use the same yardstick that you use for colleges like us which take in students with a 100 per cent score. That is also something that we need to look at.

SHALINI LANGER: Do marks really reflect the merit of a student? Most schools have now learnt the trick of getting their students to score the maximum marks. Has there been any consultation with schools and the boards regarding this? **SRIVASTAVA:** We do not have consultations with boards and have to abide by the guidelines of the university. As for cut-offs, we really have no choice, even if we know that it is not really reflecting the ability or the actual calibre of students... Marks of all boards are taken at face value. Probably the school boards should look into it more, the Education Ministry should look into it. It's very unfortunate that we cannot

take students below 97 per cent marks.

SOMYA LAKHANI: Following the #MeToo movement, how equipped are DU colleges to deal with complaints of sexual harassment?

NANDA: The Forum Against Sexual Harassment started in DU much before the #MeToo movement. There is the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC). In Miranda House, we hold awareness programmes... On the orientation day, DU has made it mandatory to introduce students to the ICC. This time students have been elected to the committee.

SRIVASTAVA: The work of the ICC is done religiously. The guidelines are stringently followed. Also the representation of students is extremely well done. We have representation from each of the three years through elections. What is important is that the students are opening up. They have complete faith in the system. Also we have to report sexual harassment cases to the Ministry of Human Resource Development on an annual basis.

MALLICA JOSHI: What are the two things that you would want to change about your respective colleges?

NANDA: I want that every student who is admitted to the college and wants housing and scholarship (should get it)... that is the need of the hour. We need safe housing for students. And, scholarships for all the students who are here. Even with minimal fees, there are students who cannot make it to the next year, who don't have the resources for it.

Also, there should a link to employability, not so much employment. But employability. I want all students to be made employable.

SRIVASTAVA: I think I would like to have more Hindu Colleges. If there is high demand, we should be able to cater to it. We should be able to take more students in and not disappoint them because the premier colleges are closing admissions in the first or second cut-off list.

Also, residential facilities. We are a 120-year-old college, but we got a girls' hostel only three years ago. We never had a girls' hostel and nobody voiced this. It is imperative to have more safe residential facilities for both genders, which is becoming like a far-fetched dream because we don't get funds from the government. This needs to be revamped because some students end up spending more on their stay than on their education.

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INDIA MOVING

Census 2011 counted 14.2 crore migrants in the decade preceding it, intra-district to inter-state. Women moved for marriage, men for work, economic reforms drove the change, and Surat emerged as No. 3 destination while Chennai fell far behind. With migrants both political vote banks and easy targets, where do the numbers fit in? RAVISH TIWARI & HEMANG KUMAR sum up

IN A COUNTRY with a long and often violent history of sons-of-the-soil politics, migration is a politically fraught issue. From the attacks on south Indians in Mumbai in the 1960s and 70s to the Northeast's identity debates, and the anxiety over "Bangladeshi influx" in West Bengal to the unsettled row over the National Register of Citizens (NRC), the changing numbers of its people are more than just a figure for a population on the move due to India's robust economy, while competing for its limited resources.

Amidst a global rise of anti-immigration sentiments, riding on populism, this politics is also up close and central back home now. In West Bengal, the BJP's allegation against other parties of treating illegal Bangladeshi migrants as a vote bank will gather pitch as it makes a bid for power in the state come 2021, while wielding the NRC as a sledgehammer. In Maharashtra, the BJP's clever distancing from the Shiv Sena and its anti-migrant rhetoric before the 2014 Assembly elections was directed as much at its vote banks in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, as the migrant settlements in the Pune-Nashik-Mumbai-Thane urban conglomeration. The gamble paid off, when the BJP, contesting all 60 seats in Mumbai-Thane for the first time, won more seats than the Sena here. Even in national capital Delhi, the tussle between the Aam Aadmi Party and BJP over the Poorvanchali base is no-holds-barred and transparent, partly the reason why the BJP has stuck to Bhojpuri actor-turned-politician Manoj Tiwari as its state chief through thick and thin. The BJP has also used its state satraps strategically, whether it is Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath across the country or Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, an Odia, in cities like Surat, with its high number of migrants from the state, in the run-up to the 2017 Assembly elections in Gujarat.

Occasional attacks on migrants — be it north-Indians in Maharashtra or Gujarat, or those from the Northeast in Bengaluru — add fuel to the churn.

But, how much of this is supported by the latest data on migration released by the Census of India?

BROAD TRENDS: Slow, steady, mostly intra-state

■ In 2011, for which the figures are available now (that is, nearly a decade ago), 38% of India's total population were migrants. Or, 45.6 crore people in the country had moved residence — intra-district, inter-district or inter-state — over the years.

This number was a massive jump from the Census before that, in 2001, despite the decadal population growth in the same time of about 18%. In 2001, the migrant numbers stood at about 30.5% of the population. In other words, this means that between the two Census, India saw about 14.2 crore people migrating — a jump of almost 45% from the migrant numbers seen between Census 1991 and 2001, when about 9.8 crore left their homes for new places.

Given that the 1991-2001 growth in migrant numbers from the decade before that (1981-1991) was only 27%, another story emerges from these numbers: that the effect of the economic reforms of 1991 started reflecting after a decade.

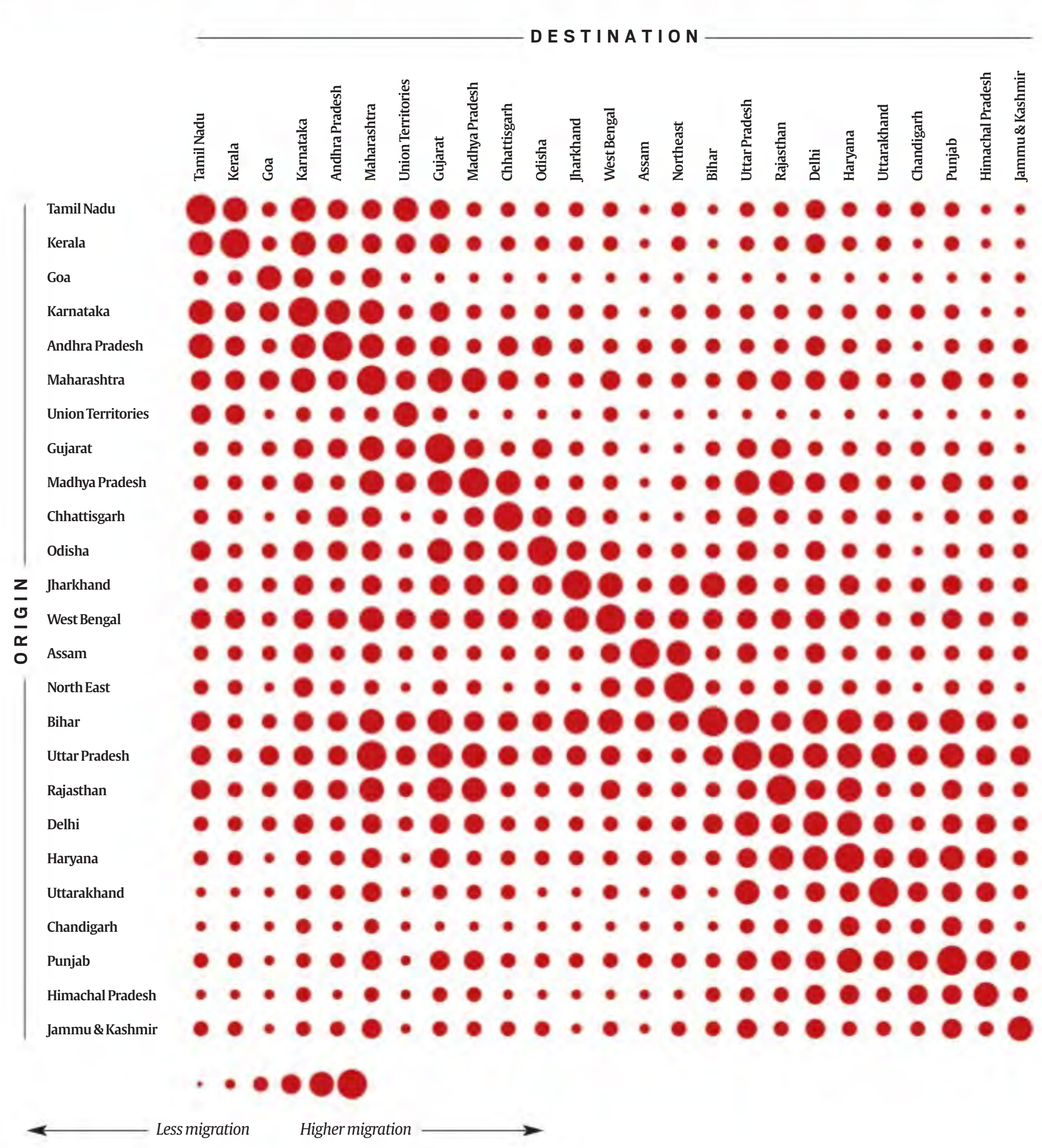
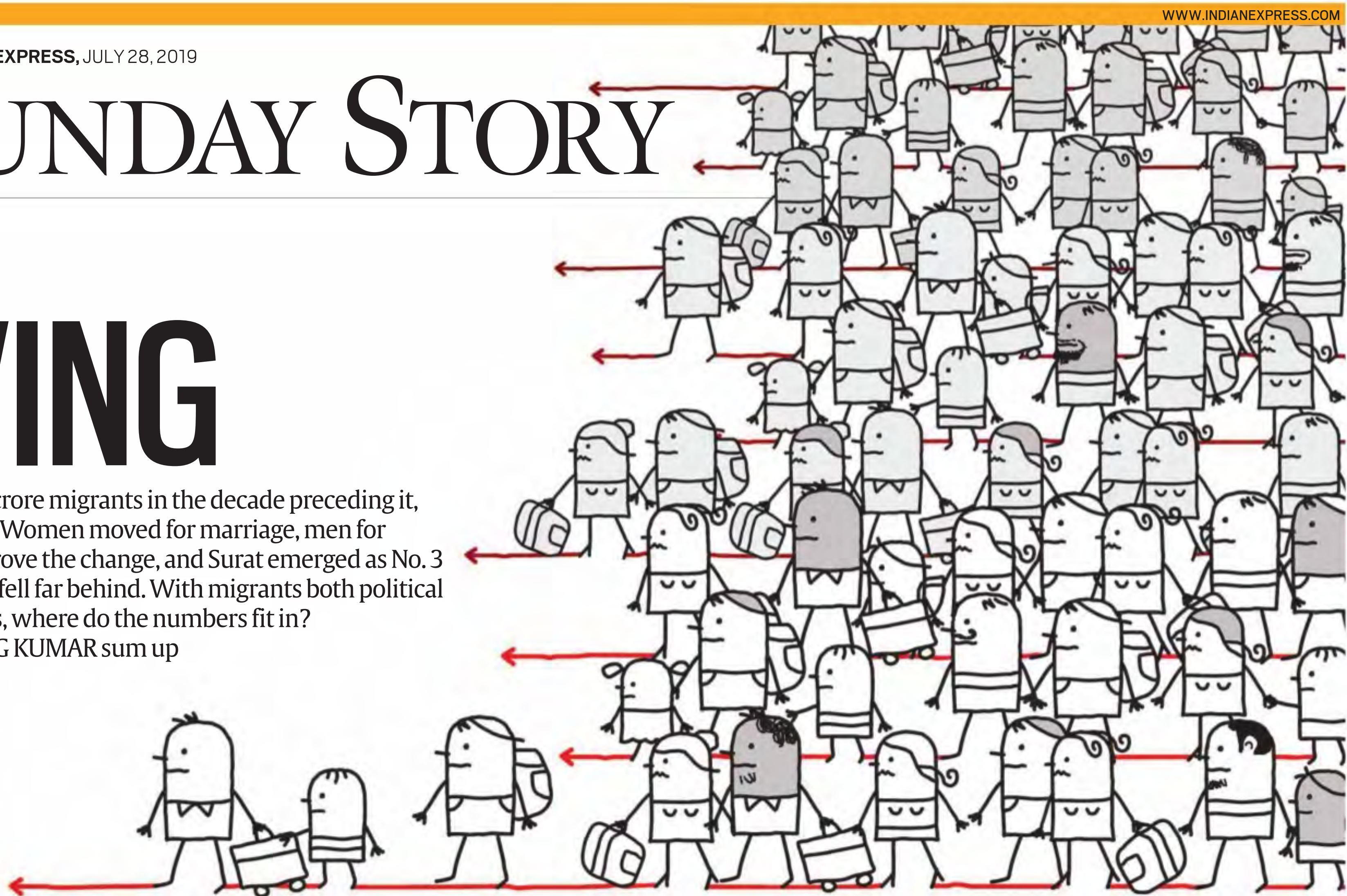
■ Intra-state migration continued to form the largest share of migration. Almost 11.87 crore of the 14.2 crore migrants (over 83%) between 2001 and 2011 moved within their states.

However, again, both the intra-state and inter-state numbers were robust when compared to 1991-2001. If the inter-state number stood at 1.7 crore in Census 2001, it was 2.19 crore in Census 2011 — a gain of 29% in the second decade after economic reforms (again, more than the population growth of 18% in that period).

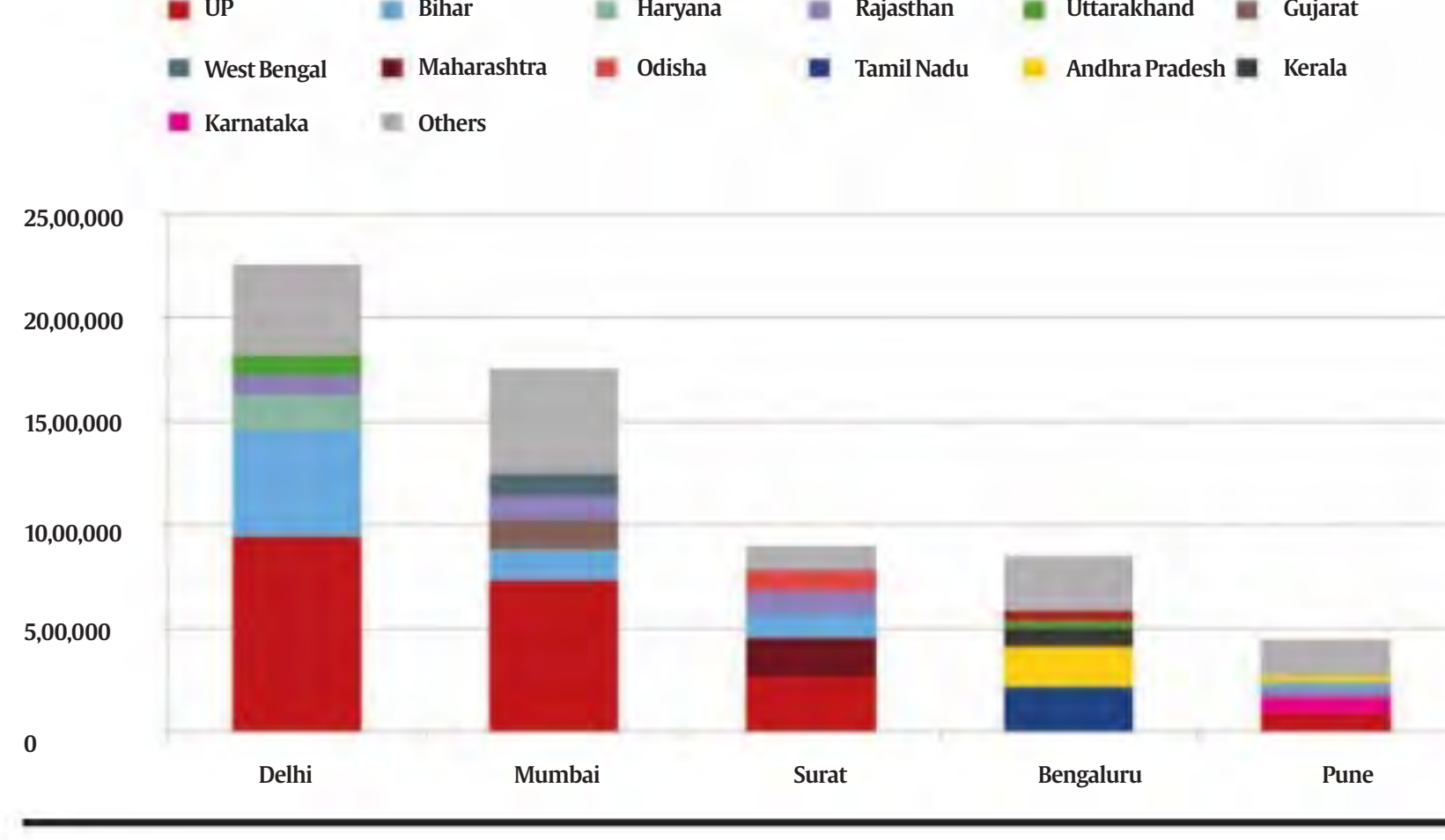
■ The numbers also showed migration rising, whether rural to rural, rural to urban, urban to rural or urban to urban. Given the already high base, the rise in rural to rural was modest (21%) compared to urban-to-urban movement, which more than doubled (114%).

STATE TRENDS: UP, Bihar lead the way

■ At least 12 major states — Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Odisha, Kerala, Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Jammu & Kashmir and Jharkhand — saw net migration out of the state (more people left than came in between 2001-2011).



SHARE OF STATES IN MIGRANT NUMBERS IN TOP URBAN DESTINATIONS

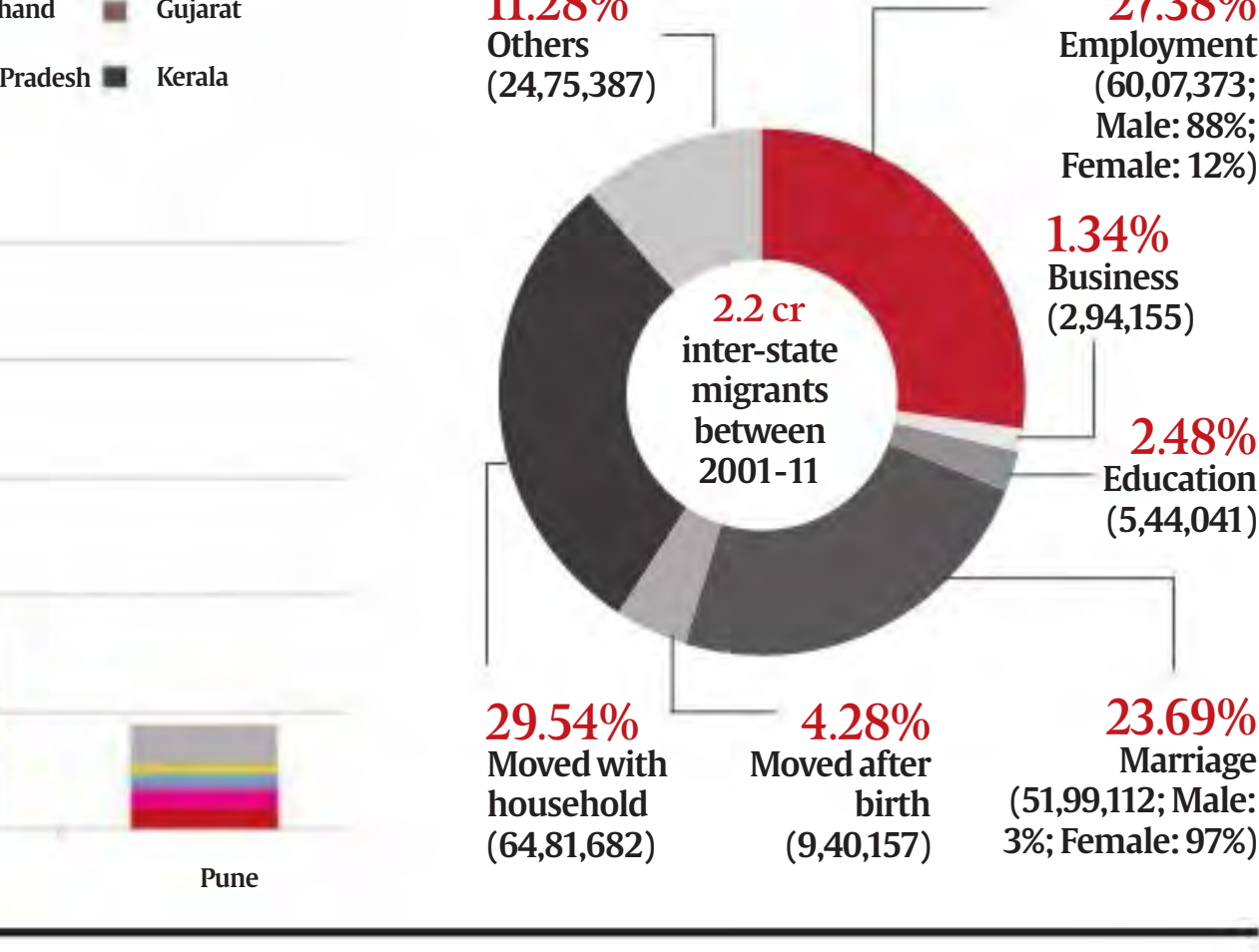


UP (-34.34 lakh) and Bihar (-27.26 lakh) sent the largest numbers of migrants to other states. Rajasthan (-3.7 lakh), West Bengal (-2.9 lakh), Odisha (-2.8 lakh), Madhya Pradesh (-2.7 lakh), (undivided) Andhra Pradesh (-2.2 lakh), Kerala (-1.9 lakh) and Assam (-1.5 lakh) also saw large numbers leaving. Meanwhile, the net addition of migrants seemed to have moderated in Delhi (+14.96 lakh against +17.6 lakh in the previous Census).

CITY TRENDS: Mumbai sees a fall, Delhi tiny rise

■ Major urban centres saw significant reshuffling in the 2001-2011 decade, with people streaming in from rural and other urban centres. Among them, reflecting the

WHY THEY MIGRATED



draw of Gujarat, the industrial city of Surat (8.94 lakh migrants) emerged as the third-largest migrant destination. The top two were Delhi (22.5 lakh) and Greater Mumbai (17.53 lakh). While Greater Bangalore (8.4 lakh migrants) and Pune (4.4 lakh) rounded up the top five, Kolkata (3.7 lakh), Gurgaon (3.2 lakh), Ahmedabad (2.87 lakh), Ghaziabad (2.8 lakh), Chandigarh (2.2 lakh), Chennai (2.1 lakh) and Hyderabad (1.68 lakh) remained the other major destinations for migrants.

WHERE TO WHERE (2001-2011)

TOP MIGRANT DESTINATIONS

Maharashtra	24.4 lakh
Delhi	14.96 lakh
Gujarat	13.75 lakh
Haryana	7.89 lakh
Karnataka	5.55 lakh
Punjab	4.86 lakh

TOP MIGRANT SOURCES

UP	34.34 lakh
Bihar	27.26 lakh
Rajasthan	3.65 lakh
West Bengal	2.90 lakh
Odisha	2.84 lakh
Madhya Pradesh	2.68 lakh

URBAN MIGRANT MAGNETS

Delhi	22.55 lakh
Greater Mumbai	17.52 lakh
Surat	8.95 lakh
Bengaluru	8.43 lakh
Pune	4.43 lakh
Kolkata	3.71 lakh
Gurgaon	3.19 lakh
Ahmedabad	2.86 lakh
Ghaziabad	2.79 lakh
Chandigarh	2.2 lakh

All numbers are actual figures

EXPLAINED

More than numbers

ACROSS THE world, there are different reasons pushing migration, including to another country. While people from South Asia and South-East Asia travel to Middle-East economies for job, the situation in Iraq and Syria in the region has driven many from there to move out. The European economic crisis has corresponded with Eastern Europeans flooding in. And if President Trump is banking on immigrants for re-election, "influx" from Bangladesh has always been an issue closer home. But it is migration within India, gaining pace in the last two decades, that is forcing parties to recalibrate their politics, and policymakers to factor in issues such as health, education, housing.

REASON TRENDS: Jobs on top, in a post-1991 economy

■ Among women migrants, marriage was the overriding reason to move within the state in 2001-11. For the men, this was work/employment and education. When it came to inter-state, the difference was starker: while over 97% of those who migrated to another state due to marriage were women, over 88% who did so due to work/employment were men.

In terms of overall population, 27.38% gave work/employment as the reason to migrate inter-state during 2001-11, while over 23.69% cited marriage. Inter-state, the largest chunk (29.54%) moved with their households, while only 2.48% gave education and just 1.34% business as reasons.

■ The migration trends ran parallel to the changes in Indian economy after the 1991 reforms. India's economy grew from Rs 5,31,814 crore (at current prices) in 1991 to Rs 20,00,743 crore in 2000-01, before leaping to Rs 72,48,860 crore in 2010-11 under the new series. During this period, the population jumped from 84.6 crore (Census 1991) to 102.87 crore (2001) and then 121.1 crore in the last Census (2011). The birth rate (per 1000 population) moderated from 29.5 (1991) to 25.4 (2001) to 21.8, and life expectancy jumped from 58.7 (1991) to 62.5 (2001) to 67 years — an improvement of over 14% during the two decades. Overall, while the decadal population growth stood at 21.54% for 1991-2001, it moderated to 17.72% by Census 2011.

These demographic changes were accompanied by a leapfrogging economy and a substantial change in the nature of it. According to data maintained by the erstwhile Planning Commission, the share of agriculture and allied sectors (at constant 2004-05 prices) declined from 29.53% (1990-91) to 22.3% (2000-01) to 14.6% (2010-11). Basically, the share of agriculture, the mainstay of the rural economy, in the total GDP had shrunk by half by the end of the second decade after economic reforms.

Agriculture Ministry statistics reveal that, at the same time, the proportion of agricultural labour compared to cultivators in the rural economy rose (40.3% in 1991 to 54.9% in 2011). Since agricultural labour offers seasonal employment, this meant more workers migrating looking for work.



TAKE 5

FACES ON THE FRINGES OF NEWS

NIRMALANANDAN NAIR,
VIYYUR CENTRAL JAIL
SUPERINTENDENT

The prison offers a combo lunch priced at Rs 127. Express

‘Around 100 inmates are part of the cooking units. They get paid Rs 150 a day’

The Freedom Food Factory, an enterprise selling food prepared by inmates in Kerala's prisons, has tied up with a food app to deliver items prepared at the Viyyur Central Jail in Thissur. Currently, food items such as biryani, roti and curries are sold over the counter at the prison

1 What led the authorities to take such a decision?

There is greater interest among the public to order food online. Instead of going to restaurants, people are happy ordering food while at home. So our aim is to connect the prison's food department to the network of restaurants engaged in online delivery. But we will also continue selling food through the counter in front of the prison.

2 How many inmates are involved in cooking the food?

Around 100 male inmates are part of the different cooking units. They are paid a daily wage of Rs 150. The process is supervised by jail officials for quality control. We also take regular feedback from the public.

3 Is a special menu being prepared for online sale?

Yes. We have a combo lunch priced at Rs 127. It includes 300 gm of biryani rice, one roasted chicken leg piece, chicken curry, three rotis, 1 litre of packaged water, pickle, salad and a cup cake. The package comes with a plantain leaf. Those who don't need the drinking water can avail the combo at Rs 117. The combo, however, is not available at the prison counter.

4 How far can the food be delivered?

We have tied up with a food app. The company has promised us that it can deliver food within 6-km radius of the jail.

5 What is the amount of food that is currently being sold on a daily basis from the counter in front of the prison?

On a daily basis, we sell around 25,000-30,000 rotis, 500-600 chicken biryani, 300 chicken curries, 300 egg curries and 300 vegetables curries. We also sell bread, buns and cakes produced by our bakery unit.

VISHNU VARMA

The price of a wedding feast

There are no happy endings in the first conviction under Gujarat's new animals Act, involving two neighbours and a calf

GOPAL KATESHIYA

AT THE heart of the first reported conviction under the amended Gujarat Preservation of Animals Act, 1954, making cow slaughter punishable by life imprisonment and fine up to Rs 5 lakh, lie two Muslim families and old neighbours — one devastated by the turn of events, the other saddened it came to this.

It was a cold night of January 29 and his family had retired early, recalls Satar Koliya of Rasulpura locality, situated on the outskirts of Dhoraji town in Rajkot district. Around 10.30 pm, Satar came out to check on their two-year-old calf and, seeing it missing, raised an alarm. They searched till 1 am, and again the next morning, before an acquaintance told them about the remains of a calf found near a burial ground a kilometre away.

Satar, who has studied till Class 3 and drives a cash delivery van for a living, says he immediately suspected his two neighbours, living in the poorer section of Rasulpura, who had weddings at home the next day. Satar's son Faruk claims that Imran, whose brother was getting married, could account for the mutton he was going to serve, but Salim Makrani had no clear answer on how he had sourced the meat for the *akani* (a biryani-like preparation) at his daughter's wedding.

Satar went to police, and even as the wedding was on, they took Salim, 42, to jail. On July 6, a Sessions Court at Dhoraji convicted Salim of theft and slaughter of the calf and sentenced him to 10 years and Rs 1 lakh fine.

Salim's mother Jubedabai, who is in her 80s and fast losing her eyesight, breaks down at a mention of the case. "We are not butchers," she says fiercely. Jubedabai also adds it was physically impossible for Salim to

slaughter a cow. "He once cut his hand opening a bottle. He required seven stitches and never regained full strength in his fingers."

Salim's father Umar alias Kadar, who ails from a lung ailment, has hardly stirred from his bed since the order came. According to Kadar, Salim had purchased the mutton for the *akani* from one Yusuf Khatki alias Yusuf Razak Pinjara, a trader in the meat market at Baharpara in Dhoraji. While Sub-Inspector Jaysukh Mithara, who investigated the case, doubts this, one of the local meat traders told *The Sunday Express*, "It is possible this Yusuf was from Rasulpura and involved in illegal slaughter. Such incidents give a bad name to those like us doing legal business."

Salim is Jubedabai and Kadar's only son among eight children. Kadar used to work as a driver, while Salim took up odd jobs, supplementing his income from a *paan* shop.

Apart from Salim, his parents, wife and four daughters, the four-member family of his nephew shares their two-room house. Salim's eldest daughter Sanabanu is 20, youngest Razia 6. It was Sanabanu who was getting married on January 30.

Since Salim's arrest, the other three have stopped attending school, while Sofia, 15, has been sent to an aunt's place. "There are simply too many mouths here to feed," Shehnaz says, adding that she is managing with some rice and wheat received as alms during Ramzan. A neighbour lent Rs 2,000 to keep the *paan* shop running.

Living metres away, Satar Koliya, 63, talks about why that calf was special to him. Going into an enclosure in the backyard of his house, with 16 goats and their kids, he nuzzles the latest calf delivered by his cow Dhavali. While the Koliyas are traditional cow herders, Satar's only son Faruk, who studied till Class 10, works as a peon at a bank. His eyes welling up, Satar says the calf



(Top) Salim's parents, wife and children at their two-room home in Rasulpura; Satar, who belongs to a community of cow-herders, with his new calf. Express

that was killed, Ratudi, was Dhavali's first.

Faruk says that after Ratudi went missing and Salim could not give a satisfactory reply about the meat he had served, "I asked him to tell the truth. But he said who was I to question him. When I said we would go to police, he said we were free to do what we wanted."

Satar says when police arrived on January 30 afternoon, Salim came running to him. "He confessed that unaware that the calf belonged to us, he had slaughtered it since he did not have money to purchase mutton for the wedding feast. He begged me to forgive him. But I asked him why he hadn't admitted to this earlier. I told him I could have helped him with money too had he asked. But now that a case had been filed, only police and

Allah could save him," says Satar.

While a veterinary officer identified the remains that had been found as that of a cow progeny, confirmed also by forensic tests, it was not conclusively established that the calf that had been killed was Satar's. A laboratory examination could not identify the meat in the *akani* recovered from Salim's house, as it was cooked. Police claimed to have also recovered from near Salim's home a knife allegedly used to slaughter the calf.

While the defence argued in court that the *akani* had not been established as made of beef, the court ruled that it did not undermine the prosecution's case as the calf had been slaughtered and the suspicion was on Salim. "Additionally... the accused is not

challenging that a ceremony had been organised at his home... and that witnesses are stating that samples of biryani had been collected... In such a scenario, it is incumbent upon the accused to prove that the meat found in (the) biryani was not obtained by slaughtering the said calf," Sessions Judge Hemantkumar Dave said in his judgment.

Additional Public Prosecutor Kartikey Parekh, who represented Satar, says, "Salim had made extra-judicial confession and the court could have convicted him on that alone. There was also corroborative evidence. He remained silent too. In such circumstances, the burden of proof shifted to him." The defence did not examine any witness.

Kadar says that after Salim was arrested, he pleaded with Satar to forgive his son. "But all that he said was that he would give my son relief during court proceedings."

The Koliyas say they are satisfied with the verdict. "Now, I shall not be an accused in the court of *maalik* (Allah). I shall not be guilty of not doing anything for my calf," says Satar.

But, there is also regret. Satar says things would not have taken such a turn had Salim admitted to his act. "Nothing about this episode makes me particularly happy. I know they are in trouble now. But I wish he had not been rude," says Satar.

Satar's wife Jubeda, who is angrier about Salim's "sin", too admits to "mixed feelings". "I can't blindfold myself to the fact that theirs is a home of daughters," she says.

So, in March, when Faruk got married, two months after Salim's arrest, Satar sent an invite to Salim's family. "We had never had any quarrels with them. In fact, my father had helped Kadar find work as a cleaner and helped him learn driving... I told them I shall also pack a tiffin for Salim (in jail)," says Satar, his voice dropping.

But the Makranis stayed away.

Wild things

Gujarat's watering hole, Mt Abu, fences its animals against a new threat: unruly tourists, beer bottles

VAIBHAV JHA

GUJARAT'S FAVOURITE watering hole, and Rajasthan's only hill station, Mount Abu is paying the price for its unique location. With an estimated 65,000-70,000 people visiting it on an average for quick weekend getaways, the debris they leave behind in the form of beer bottle remains is increasingly causing injuries to animals in this eco-sensitive zone.

Since the past two months, authorities have started a campaign asking liquor shops in Mount Abu to stop displaying beer bottles and promote beer cans instead, and also put up banners asking people to avoid beer bottles for the sake of wild animals.

Ravindra Goswami, the sub-divisional magistrate of Mount Abu, says the extent of the harm the bottles might be causing hit them recently. "This year, Mount Abu did not receive any rainfall and the water level in its

famous Lake Nakki fell. We ran a campaign to clean the lake and over 10-12 tonnes of garbage was extracted from it (including) at least three-four trolleys of beer bottles. Lake Nakki is connected to the eco-sensitive zone and animals drink water from it at night," says Goswami.

Apart from nearly 230-235 bears and 60-70 leopards, panthers, sambar deer, jungle fowls, Indian foxes, small Indian civets, wild boars and reptiles are known to inhabit the eco-sensitive zone, spread across 320 sq km in Rajasthan's Sirohi district.

The injuries being caused to animals were first flagged by Kayzad Contractor, the president of the People for Animals in Mount Abu, who has been running a ranch for rescued animals such as horses and dogs since 2000. "My ranch is not barricaded and opens into the eco-sensitive zone. Over the years, bears and leopards have also made it their home. I have set up CCTV cameras to study



the animals, and eight months ago, I noticed Jamwant, a 12-year-old male bear, limping as one of his paws seemed injured. Three months ago, Simbi, a female leopard, was seen suffering from an injury in one of her hind legs. When we visited the place during day time, we saw shards of bottles. I immediately notified the district forest officials," says Contractor.

Balaji Kari, the District Forest Officer, says they have been struggling to monitor unruly tourists. "It is not possible to frisk each and every tourist. The worst-affected places are waterholes which are frequented by tourists during the time and by animals at night. Places such as the Gurusikhhar Point (the highest point at Mount Abu) and Mini Nakki Lake have gone beyond our control."



One of the lakes animals frequent (left) that is now under threat; (above) shops promoting beer cans. Vaibhav Jha

Excise Officer Jitendra Sodha says five wine shops and 21 restaurants have liquor licences in Mount Abu. "On weekends, the sale of liquor, including beer and IMFL, shoots up. In total, around four-five lakh bottles sell every month."

Apart from Rajasthan, Mount Abu receives tourists from the dry state of Gujarat, with cities such as Ahmedabad and Vadodara just

a four-hour drive away. Most weekends, the roads leading up to the hill station are jammed. Kari points out that people drive down for the day and, to be on the safer side while on the road, prefer beer with its low alcohol content.

Authorities suspect that a rash of recent incidents involving animals attacking humans are also linked to injuries. This month alone, bears have mauled two cattle-herders. Says Kari, "Animals get irritated when injured and, if they cannot find immediate help, end up attacking. We have set up hoardings in villages asking people to avoid venturing out in the dark."

The increase in sale of beer cans since they started the campaign gives the authorities hope. As per Excise Department figures, while in April, 13,568 beer cans were sold, this had changed to 30,726 respectively by May, and 27,592 by June.

"Whenever customers ask for beer bottles, we insist they buy cans. Now, we have started selling 100-150 cans every day, from negligible amounts two months ago," says Mahavir Singh, a liquor shop owner.

The local administration is next planning to deploy 30 nature guides, who will be registered with the Forest Department. They will mandatorily accompany trekking groups and prevent them littering, says Kari.

The story of a night

As 80% of Assam was inundated, so was Dhubri District Jail. That meant turning a college into a jail in a couple of hours, escorting 409 prisoners through rising waters to it, in a town under a total blackout, and ensuring no one escaped

TORA AGARWALA

The Deluge

The sight that greeted him at Dhubri District Jail on the night of July 15 could have belonged to the thrillers he used to watch as a teenager, says Deputy Superintendent of Police (HQ) Trideep Bhuyan. "Except, this was no movie. This was real life."

The rains had lashed continuously for a week and Dhubri town, like 80 per cent of Assam, was inundated. The floodwaters reached Bhuyan's waist as he stood at the door to the jailor's office. Inside, a few guards, clutching candles, looked helpless as waters swivelled just a few inches below the jailor's desk.

"I told them, 'Do something. Save the files, put them on top of the cabinet,'" says Bhuyan. "Files? Forget the files. What about the inmates?" one of them shot back at him.

It was then that Bhuyan heard them. Behind, through the wall, there was a low thumping sound and cries of despair: "Save us. Let us out."

There were 409 of them — men, women, and children — marooned in their cells. "And we had to get them out," says Bhuyan, 36, who had joined his post in November 2018.

His boss, Superintendent of Police Shri Yuvraj, sent him a text: "Ho paayega (Can it be done)?" Bhuyan remembers being unsure. But he took the Almighty's name and sent a text back: "Yes, Sir."

The Transfer

Electricity had been out that entire day in Dhubri town. Earlier that morning, Jintu Borah, an Assam Civil Services officer posted with the district administration, had come to check on the jail. Established in 1965, it was housed in an old Assam-style bungalow and spread over 8 bighas. Within the premises lay a pond and a juvenile jail, which had been empty for years.

Borah had been the jail superintendent earlier, and knew the area well. "When I reached, the water level was just below my knee," he recalls. "The kitchen had started flooding and the medical unit looked like it was about to."

With the rain not letting up and the waters rising every hour, the 40-year-old began to work out alternative arrangements. He had heard that many years ago, in a similar episode of flooding, the inmates had been shifted to the District Library, 2 km away. Borah went to check on the library. "It was under water too. Plus, there were security concerns."

Through the day, Borah waded through the waters, inspected other potential jails and made calls, before realising the answer lay right across the road: Dhubri Girls' College (established in 1983), housed in a three-storied brick building with high walls and a big gate. "The verandahs too had grilles. And the college was closed for the summer. We had found our designated jail," says Borah.

But it was already late evening, and before the transfer could begin, the administration had to give the college the form of a jail, turn classrooms into cells. Each floor had eight doors, all of which had to be padlocked, windows double-checked, two giant generators brought in, and entries and exits sealed. The work, including the construction of two bamboo watchtowers, would spill over to the next morning, with 15 workers on the job. "Imagine all of this in the middle of a storm, when practically the entire town was blacked out," says Bhuyan.

When the transfer finally started at around 10 pm, the police and civil administration, nearly 50 of them in all, formed a human chain across the breadth of the road. Two registers were maintained — one at the original jail, the other at the designated one. One by one, as the handcuffed inmates were led across the road



(Clockwise from above, right) By July 15 morning, Dhubri jail was flooded, with water levels rising; the transfer operation later that night lasted eight hours; the Dhubri college, across the road from the jail, to where the prisoners were moved. Express

carrying the three things they would need the most, their blankets and a plate and bowl each, their names were jotted down — first on leaving, then on entering. Each prisoner was escorted by a guard each.

"We helped the elderly and sick carry their belongings," says Bhuyan. Of the eight women prisoners, two had children with them, a two-year-old and a six-year-old. One of the police constables carried the baby in his arms as the mother, a short woman, had water up till her neck.

Bhuyan says that, all through, he and his colleagues had another fear: "Rescue in any case is tricky. But even then, never do you expect that the ones you are rescuing might make a run for it."

While the policemen were armed, the rules didn't allow shooting in case someone did try to flee. "That is because many prisoners are under trial and in for petty crimes. However, to ensure they didn't try something like that, we scared them saying we would fire if anyone tried to run away," says Bhuyan.

But the fear of nature proved stronger. The criminals, some of them hardened, accused of crimes ranging from theft to rape and murder, did as told. "It dawned on me that they did not want to run. Standing in water all day is a scary thought and all they wanted was to get to drier ground," says Bhuyan.

As hours passed and the procession continued without incident, the authorities decided to let a guard handle up to four inmates each to speed things up. The transfer ended about eight hours later, at 5 the next morning.

However, just as Bhuyan and the team were about to take a break, a tally of the two registers showed that while 409 prisoners had checked out of the jail, only 408 had made it to the college. One prisoner was missing.

The alarm though proved shortlived. Two prisoners with the same name, Shukur Ali, had been noted down as one.

The Escape

Almost immediately, the officials started getting the new jail into shape. With the ground floor flooded, the prisoners had to be accommodated on the first and second floors, and were told to make their beds with the blankets they had brought.

A kitchen was set up and the "biswashi" or trustworthy prisoners (usually the ones serving life term) roped in. Borah set up a WhatsApp group called 'Designated Jail Management', with officials across departments such as the Public Works Department, Assam Power Distribution Company, municipality, police etc.

"This was a way to keep everyone informed. Were the inmates eating? Was anyone sick? Did they need to go to a hospital? Was their electricity?" says Borah. Among those who had dropped in at night was Deputy Commissioner Anant Lal Gyani, and SP Yuvraj. "The thing is everyone, including

ASSAM FLOODS

57,51,938
people affected

75
deaths (as of July 24)
DISTRICTS AFFECTED: All 33 in
the state, by flood or landslides

1.73 lakh ha
Total crop area affected

819
relief camps with 1.52 lakh
inmates
■ Houses damaged: More than 1,000
■ Worst floods in terms of human
impact: 1988, 1998, 2004 and 2017
1.24 lakh affected, 251 dead: 2004
17 lakh affected, 83 dead: 2017
* Figures as per State Disaster
Management Authority

the prisoners, saw how hard we were all working. That led them to cooperate," Borah says.

Bhuyan decided to head out to other parts of the flood-hit town, reassured that his work at the district jail was done. But he woke up the next morning to what he had feared all along. A text informed him that an undertrial accused of rape, Hafizur, had escaped.

A ventilator with a broken iron rod on the first floor was suspected to have been the escape route, with Hafizur landing safely on the waters flooding the road below.

The Capture

Then started the hunt through a town that by now resembled a water park, says a local journalist, who did not wish to be named.

Police had little to go on except a photo of Hafizur taken 10 months ago when he was admitted to the jail. Bhuyan says there was no resemblance with that photo now. Plus the geography of Dhubri added to their worries — 40 km away is West Bengal, and 50-60 km by land the border to Bangladesh. "He could escape anywhere," says Bhuyan.

Bus stations were alerted, railway stations checked, as the team scouted the route on foot, vehicles, even a boat, from Hafizur's first wife's house near Dhubri town to his second wife's mother's house in Dakshin Dharmashala. "We found that he had reached his second wife's home the night after his escape. He had told her he was out on bail and that he was going to Delhi," says Bhuyan. The wife gave police a number that ultimately led them to Rupchand, an ex-convict who Hafizur had made friends with in jail.

Sixty hours later, police found Hafizur sleeping in a house surrounded by water in Fakirganj in neighbouring Goalpara district.

On July 22, a week after they had been shifted, the 409 inmates returned to Dhubri District Jail. This time the transfer was smooth. The rain had abated, the waters receded, and the prisoners took a bus in broad daylight.

Things are slowly getting back to order. The jailor, who did not wish to be named, says, "The office is in a mess. Everything is ulat-palat. But at least the prisoners are back home."

And that matters, Bhuyan says. "I realise Hafizur's escape could have made a joke of our efforts. The fact that we had successfully transferred 400-plus people would have been forgotten. The media would only see that one person had escaped."

Justice league

In Sangli, a novel project involving police, a correctional facility and trading community, seeks to rehabilitate juveniles on the wrong side of law

SMITA NAIR

ACROSS THE blue-and-white wall of his house in a slum, along with a portrait of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar, is a flat-screen television. Bought on EMI, it's the first "luxury" purchase made by a boy whose name cannot be revealed.

In Sangli, a power centre of Maharashtra and a crop market for the region, the 18-year-old is seen as a poster boy, along with 49 others, of a pilot project for institutionalising juvenile reform and rehabilitation. While there have been piecemeal cases of rehabilitation across the country, Sangli's is the first where the measures are institutionalised.

"It's time my father rests," says the 18-year-old who, tried in a criminal case by the Juvenile Justice Board, spent a year in counselling. His father earns Rs 10,000 a month working as a cook at a restaurant.

The teenager now maps and installs CCTV cameras across Sangli's trading and industrial hubs as, ironically, one of the foot-soldiers in the district's bid to check crime. He keeps a careful account of his earnings — Rs 24,000 in three months — and plans to open a business in the next few years.

An experiment conceived by Superintendent of Police, Sangli, Suhail Sharma, the project now has people from academics and a correction facility in-charges to industrialists, offering their shoulders for the juveniles between the ages of 14 and 18 to catapult to a world beyond the boundaries of their socio-economic environment.

Of the 53 juveniles part of the pro-

gramme called Disha, meaning 'direction', 12 — accused of everything from petty offences to heinous crimes — now have jobs earning Rs 7,000-Rs 10,000 per month, while 40 are undergoing training.

The success stories include a youth, who was booked for assault, but now works in Godrej after a course in preservation and refrigeration, and another who has completed a course in mobile phone and computer hardware and repairs and now works in a shop. "There were days I felt lost. At the shop I meet boys and girls from good colleges, and have decided to pursue my education," he says.

Police officials are waiting for another boy to turn 18 to help him get a rider's licence to enroll as a Swiggy delivery boy.

With the 2015 amendment in the Juvenile Justice Act allowing for those accused of heinous offence to be tried as adults, Sharma adds, "this then makes it equally important to probe how the flow of children into the world of crime can be stemmed".

Sharma came in as SP Sangli, in November 2017, in the wake of the custodial death of a man held for robbery. He was at the time part of the SIT probing the murder of CPI leader and rationalist Govind Pansare in Kolhapur.

Sangli soon revealed itself, as a district with an average 5,800 cases annually, 8,000 people behind bars, problems ranging from caste and property disputes to bitter politics. With anger against the uniform high due to the custodial death, on his very first night, Sharma found himself writing 'Fontana' in his diary. The police department in California had come up with a model called 'Re-Entry Support Team' to stem recidivism, through community initiatives.



Soon, Sharma was spending his nights studying crime patterns, histories of criminals, and the undercurrents beneath affiliations.

Then, one August morning in 2018, in walked Milind Kulkarni. The caretaker of a Sangli home, who had spent 20 years amidst juvenile accused, Kulkarni had come to believe "mistakes happen".

With a fragile budget and inadequate staff, Kulkarni had "an unusual request", says Sharma. A repeat offender at the home had assaulted him. He was also known to bully younger boys. Kulkarni asked Sharma for a night patrol at the home. That's when Sharma knew he had found his Fontana.

"Patrolling will happen, but are you open to a better response?" Kulkarni recalls Sharma's poker-face offer.

Soon, the "punitive" worked with the "reformative". Notes were exchanged.

Kulkarni disclosed a trend. Many children brought to the home would receive visitors, "always men", but never their families. He realised these men belonged to the cartel, always keeping "a door open for the boys to return" to crime. The incentives were always material — expensive clothes, mobile phones, "chicken, mutton". For the cartel, using chil-

dren below 18 meant the Juvenile Justice Law would kick in, limiting punishment. Sangli was a great case study, for the collapse of agro-based businesses and the rapid rise of a moneylending class that used gangsters for extortion, who in turn roped in the juveniles.

Constable Ramesh Molaj, 56, posted at the observation home, adds, "They come bearing tattoos of gangs. That is how brazen the cartels are," he says. A new fad, he adds, is "happy birthday politics." "Ganglords and politicians put the names and photographs of juveniles in their posters. It means acceptance. The boys picked for petty offences speak of their vatt (influence) showing us these posters... Once a child reaches that poster, we know it's over. It's like an additional qualification!"

Of the inmates at the home that Kulkarni looked after, around 60% were often "extremely poor" and "planted" by gangs, says advocate Mukta Dube, a former member of the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) in Sangli.

A closer look also showed that the ratio of repeat offenders among the children produced before the JJB was rising. The correctional homes were not helping. "The children realise punishment is meagre, they do not feel part of the societal values, and tend to go



Disha's Mukta Dube, Milind Kulkarni, Dhananjay Arwade and Prashant Patil; (above) one of the juveniles part of Disha who has a job. Arul Horizon

in for a criminal subculture," says Dube.

Sharma says he went back to all the MCOCA cases he had registered. "Their records showed they were juvenile when booked the first time."

Soon, police, along with the observation home, began mapping regions and triggers behind children in those localities joining crime. Every case study was shared with Disha volunteers to check the status of the child.

Disha volunteers, mainly from NGOs Snehalaya Foundation and Khaki Foundation, including Kulkarni, went to these areas — in a first for any observation home — and "started the reform outside, and not just at the correction facility".

"Some families were unsure, some were afraid. It took a while to convince them," recalls Dhananjay Arwade of Snehalaya.

Kulkarni says that by the end of 2018, only a few among the juveniles they had zeroed in on came on board. "But we knew even 10 joining us would have an impact and others would follow," he recalls. "We started engaging with other boys in the locality with past records through our success stories," says Prashant Patil of Khaki Foundation.

Advocate SM Pakhali, a JJB member, says,

"The board's recent review of children under Disha shows purpose and a steep decline in the sense of alienation."

Under Disha, the JJB puts a juvenile through a network of counsellors, to study their psychology, even as another set probes the "circumstances" that might explain their acts.

Poonam Talwar, a counsellor with Disha, says there is a seven-tier confidence-building exercise, which includes a "nature" exercise, as part of which the juveniles plant and nurture trees. In Disha's one year, this has translated into 125 trees on two acres of land.

Once vetted by the JJB, the juveniles are also sent to training centres, chosen as per market trends and their aptitude. Avinash Mutar, 42, a trainer at one such centre, talks about one of his trainees who didn't miss a day, even coming with a fractured leg. "I learnt determination from them." Another stopped eating tobacco realising he won't be able to spit between classes.

Mutar teaches the juveniles surveillance infrastructure at the centre, which comes under the National Skill Development Corporation, while there are courses on "how to fold clothes", branding for jobs in malls, and industrial tailoring. More are being planned.

Last week, one of his trainees, Mutar says, sent him photographs of his first camera installation at a factory premise in Sangli. "I always respond to their messages, even if it's post midnight," he says.

While of the 1,900 students the institute has groomed, only six have been from the observation home, Mutar says. "It's stupid to compare numbers. Men are not made in a day or a year. It takes ages."

However, on December 4, 2018, a meeting with corporates threw a fresh challenge. Initially, Disha volunteers say, the idea of "employability of criminal minds" didn't get enough support. Police then sat down with traders, businessmen. "We can be facilitators, but we need more motivators," Sharma says.

Sharma, who is enrolling more auxiliary units to get the juveniles job opportunities, adds, "Our polarisation should pull stronger than polarisation from the crime world."

ACROSS THE AISLE



P CHIDAMBARAM

The government has included in Finance (No.2) Bill, 2019, clauses that are impermissible under Article 110 of the Constitution... Someone will definitely challenge the constitutional validity of the Bill. I am amazed that the government is willing to risk its most important Bill on finance and economy just to avoid a debate on questionable amendments to some non-financial laws!

Unconstitutional and unrealistic

IT TAKES a lot of courage to speak in a House of Parliament where the Opposition benches are empty. That is precisely what the Finance Minister, Ms Nirmala Sitharaman, did on July 23, 2019, in the Rajya Sabha! She piloted her maiden Finance Bill, the Rajya Sabha (minus the Opposition) 'considered and returned' the Bill, and all is well with the Indian economy. Congratulations, Finance Minister!

Like there were serious questions about the Budget, there are serious questions about the Finance Bill.

BRAZEN VIOLATION

Firstly, the Bill is constitutionally suspect. The government is brazen in its defiance of the law. In *Justice Puttaswamy*, the Supreme Court ruled that a money Bill must comply strictly with the conditions stipulated in Article 110 of the Constitution. Such a Bill shall contain *only* provisions dealing with taxes and the payments into or out of the Consolidated Fund of India (CFI) or the public account of India. Yet, the government has included in Finance (No.2) Bill, 2019, clauses that are impermissible under Article 110 of the Constitution. Chapter VI of the Bill, that is titled 'Miscellaneous', contains clauses that amend several Acts including the Reserve Bank of India Act, the Insurance Act, the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, and so on. I counted at least 10 laws that were amended. Neither the Acts

concerned nor the amendments had anything to do with the purposes mentioned in Article 110.

Someone will definitely challenge the Constitutional validity of Finance (No.2) Bill, 2019. I am amazed that the government is willing to risk its most important Bill on finance and economy just to avoid a debate on questionable amendments to some non-financial laws!

FROM TROT TO GALLOP!

Secondly, no one has found fault with the numbers used in my essay *'Toward USD 5, 10, 20 Trillion Economy'* (*The Sunday Express*, July 21, 2019). The government has set ambitious — nay aggressive — revenue targets. The actual growth rates achieved in 2018-19 and the projected growth rates for the new year (Estimates for 2019-20 over the Actuals of 2018-19) are:

GROWTH RATES IN %		
	2018-19	2019-20
Income Tax	7.16	23.25
Customs	-8.60	32.20
Union Excise	0.06	15.55
GST	3.38	44.98

How does the government propose to achieve these high revenue targets? Especially when the IMF, ADB and RBI have reduced their estimate of India's

GDP growth rate to 7.0 per cent and that of the world's growth rate to 3.2 per cent. Every economist who has knowledge of the Indian economy (the latest is Dr Kaushik Basu) has warned of a further slowing down — that is a continuation of the trend witnessed in the four quarters of 2018-19 (8.0, 7.0, 6.6 and 5.8 per cent). How does the government expect that revenue collections will gallop to high double-digit rates after the single-digit trot of 2018-19?

I suspect that the government will squeeze the present taxpayers. The government has already conferred extraordinary powers upon Income Tax, GST and other tax officers. There will be more notices, more summons for personal appearance, more arrests, more prosecutions, more penalty orders, more harsh assessment orders, more summary dismissals of appeals — in short, there will be more harassment of the taxpayer.

DENYING STATES' SHARE

Thirdly, are the states getting their share of the taxes? The Fourteenth Finance Commission (FFC) awarded 42 per cent of gross tax revenue (GTR) of the Central government to the states. The FFC report was accepted. The share of 42 per cent became a constitutional right of the states and a constitutional obligation of the Central government. The FFC Award is applicable during the period 2015-16 to 2019-20. Despite the award, what was

actually devolved upon the states was much less, as can be seen from the table below:

Year	Amount devolved as a percentage of GTR
2015-16	34.77
2016-17	35.43
2017-18	35.07
2018-19 (Actuals)	33.05
2019-20 (BE)	32.87

The reason for not achieving the target of 42 per cent is the liberal levy of cesses and surcharges on taxes. The FFC award does not apply to cesses and surcharges and they do not have to be shared with the states. That is one whammy.

The double whammy is when the Central government's tax collections fall short of its budget or revised estimates. In 2018-19, on GTR, the budget estimates were Rs 22,71,242 crore and the revised estimates were Rs 22,48,175 crore, but the actual collections were only Rs 20,80,203 crore. When the pie is smaller, states will also get a smaller than expected share.

Please view the FM's reply or look up the transcript. Did she address any of the issues that I have raised in this essay — or would have raised if there had been a proper debate in the Rajya Sabha?

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Bad tidings from Mumbai

ASSOMEONE who has vivid memories of our bleak socialist decades, alarm bells start going off in my head when I see the smallest signs of socialism. They have been going off loudly since the Budget because a pall of despair has descended over Mumbai. It is as if businessmen, big and small, have given up all hope of India ever becoming a country in which they will be able to do business without some regulator, inspector or corrupt official breathing down their necks.

Things have been bad for a while. This is why, according to the Global Wealth Migration Review, 5,000 Indian millionaires fled the country last year. But, there was hope that with the massive mandate that Narendra Modi has just won he would come up with a Budget that would revive private investment. It has been dangerously stagnant for so long that the Economic Survey for 2018-19 said that reviving private investment was critical. The Finance Minister said she wanted 'animal spirits' to return, but how can this happen with corporate taxes going up to more than 40 per cent? When the Finance Minister says proudly that high taxes will affect less than 5,000 rich Indians, the signal she sends is that rich Indians deserve to be penalised.

She seems to have forgotten that it was this handful of rich Indians who transformed India from an economic backwater into a country that now dares to dream of becoming an economic superpower. It was this handful of rich Indians who created world-class airlines, hotels, hospitals, schools, airports and consumer goods. Remember for a minute what socialist India was like. Remember a time when the only domestic airline was so badly run that we used to joke about how Indian Airlines had more employees than passengers. Remember a time when Doodharshan was the only TV channel, when the only jobs available were in government offices, when airports looked like tin sheds, when hotels reeked of shabby service, when everything in India was second rate.

Having been part of the 'Khan Market gang' since my childhood, I remember well what it looked like in socialist times. It consisted of a handful of scruffy shops that sold such shoddy goods that 'Made in India' became a guarantee of poor quality. It was only after P V Narasimha Rao ended the licence raj that things began to change. Today Khan Market has shops that sell Indian goods of such high quality that my foreign friends come to India to shop. Personally, I cannot remember when I last felt the need to buy something that was not Made in India.

All this could change if the Prime Minister does not discover soon that 'black money' is not India's biggest economic problem. This obsession with black money has brought back an inspector raj that is like a blight. Instead, what he should do is set up a task force in the Finance Ministry to investigate why black money exists in the first place. He might discover that it is one of the legacies of socialism. In socialist countries, taxes are usually so high and unreasonable that even salaried middle-class people are forced to evade them.

To return, though, to those 5,000 Indians that will now be paying crippling taxes, may I stress once more that it is because of them that some things in India changed from second-rate to world-class. It is they who create most of India's wealth, and if they stop being able to do this, where will the Prime Minister find the money to finance the welfare schemes that persuaded voters to give him this huge mandate? Where will he find the money to make our cities look like real cities instead of slums? It is not his fault that they look so bad. It is not his fault that the national highways collapse when the rains come. It is not his fault that socialism kept millions of Indians mired in hideous poverty for such a long time. What is his fault is that he has not done enough to change course.

In the speech he made in Varanasi after the Budget, he warned people not to be misinformed by those who went about spreading despair. I do not count myself among them, but cannot emphasise enough that the pall of despair I detect in Mumbai is real. Since the Budget, I have had conversations with a whole range of people, from small shopkeepers to big businessmen, and have not met a single person who said confidently that the future looks bright and hopeful. Most said that what worried them was that the Budget that the Finance Minister brought to Parliament in that bright red bag, old-fashioned, Indian-style, indicated to them a return to old-fashioned, Indian-style socialist policies. This is what set alarm bells ringing in my head.

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INSIDE TRACK



COOMI KAPOOR

'CONGRESS' HEADS BJP

An embarrassing secret from his past for the BJP's new Uttar Pradesh chief, Swatantra Dev Singh, is that his parents had actually named him Congress Singh. The first name 'Congress' was hastily changed once Singh joined the BJP. If it is a bit confusing that the former 'Congress Singh' now heads the BJP in UP, it is also true that descendants of most of the old Congress families in the state are now in the BJP. Late prime minister Lal Bahadur Shastri's grandson, Sidharth Nath Singh, is a minister in the Yogi Adityanath Cabinet. Former UP chief minister Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna's daughter, Rita Bahuguna Joshi, is a BJP MP. The grandson of two Congress stalwarts, Rajendra Kumari Bajpai and Shyama Charan Shukla, Harsh Vardhan Bajpai, is the BJP MLA from Prayagraj; and former UP CM Vir Bahadur Singh's son, Fateh Bahadur Singh, is a BJP MLA and a favourite of Adityanath.

A HARYANA TRADITION

The Congress high command has put everything on hold including Bhupinder Singh Hooda's pressing demand that Ashok Tanwar be removed as Haryana PCC chief. The party keeps Hooda dangling at its peril. Hooda and his son Deepender still command considerable loyalty in their constituencies of Sonapat and Rohtak. Deepender, in fact, won in the count from the EVM machines by 1,900 votes in Rohtak and lost the seat narrowly only because of the postal ballots, which were largely from those in the services. As CM, Hooda's word was law in Haryana affairs because of his proximity to Robert Vadra. But the Gandhis have turned cool, believing he got their son-in-law into trouble with land deals. But if Hooda is not mollified, he could walk out and form his own regional party. This is an old Haryana tradition followed by former chief ministers Bansi Lal, Bhajan Lal, Rao Birendra Singh and Devi Lal, among others.

RAJIV MEMORIAL ROW

Shortly after Rajiv Gandhi's tragic death, the Gandhi family had a huge row with then prime minister Chandra Shekhar over the location of his memorial. Chandra Shekhar suggested that the proposed memorial be within Shakti Sthal,

Indira Gandhi's *samadhi*. However, Sonia wanted Rajiv's commemoration site to be separate from his mother's since Rajiv was a leader in his own right and should not be remembered merely as Indira's son. But Chandra Shekhar was adamant that he would not permit a plot to be cut out from Lal Bahadur Shastri's *samadhi* and pointed out that he had earlier turned down Ajit Singh's request for space for Charan Singh's memorial at the rather neglected Shastri *samadhi* site. The incident is mentioned in the just released biography of Chandra Shekhar, co-authored by his reverential disciple, Hariyansh, now Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.

SPEAKING HIS MIND

During the discussions before the trust vote in the Karnataka Assembly, someone mentioned that former CM HD Kumaraswamy was seen eating biryani at a particular spot. Kumaraswamy countered that this was impossible since he had turned vegetarian a few years ago, to which Speaker K R Ramesh Kumar responded that in his case it worked the opposite way — that he started out as a vegetarian and ended up eating non-vegetarian food. The Speaker, who took his own time about holding the confidence vote and is still to decide on action against all the rebel MLAs, is not a man to be cowed down and has a history of being independent-minded. He started his political career as a Congress corporator and MP. But he left Indira Gandhi and joined Devaraj Urs in 1979. Later, he aligned with S Bangarappa, before shifting loyalties to Ramakrishna Hegde of the Janata Party. In 1985, he was chosen as the Assembly Speaker by the Janata Party. In 1998, Ramesh returned to the Congress, mentored by S M Krishna. When the Congress and JD(S) came together to form a government in 2018, Ramesh was the obvious choice as Speaker, particularly as none from the JD(S) qualified for the post.

NO NAME-CALLING

After his defeat in Patna by Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad, Shatrughan Sinha did not show his face in Delhi till earlier this month, when fellow BJP rebel Yashwant Sinha's book was released. In fact, after the parliamentary poll results, Sinha did not wish his rival in person but simply tweeted his congratulations, describing Modi as a friend, Prasad as a family friend and Amit Shah as a master strategist. Incidentally, though rivals, neither Sinha nor Prasad mentioned each other's names during the Patna campaign. For Prasad, it was his first Lok Sabha contest and he and his wife Maya were on the move from 6 am. A two-time Lok Sabha MP, Sinha only left Maurya Hotel, where he was camping, for the campaign trail past noon, after his lunch.

Why Budhni matters

GAINED IN TRANSLATION



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IN 2015, an extraordinary seminar was conducted in Chalakudy under the aegis of the River Protection Forum. It was a seminar to discuss the impact of the proposed hydroelectric project at Athirappilly.

At the seminar, I heard about Budhni for the first time from poet and political activist Civic Chandran, who had written a poem on the same. He asked me if I could elaborate it into a story. It was a theme that touched me deeply. It stayed in my mind for long. Chandran found the story of Budhni in an article, 'Recovering Budhni Mejhana from the silted landscapes of modern India', by Chitra Padmanabhan, published in *The Hindu* on June 2, 2012. I read the article several times and went through a lot of studies related to it.

Crores of people have been uprooted from their soil for mega development projects before and after Independence. It was a disturbing thought that their stories had gone unrecorded. According to data with the United Nations Commissioner for Refugees, people have been displaced for development projects on a large scale in India. Since 1947, 60-65 million people have been uprooted, including 40 per cent tribals, and 40 per cent Dalits and marginal farmers, and activist Medha Patkar had sought UN intervention.

On December 6, 1959, then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru had gone to inaugurate the Panchet dam across the Damodar river. A girl chosen by the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) welcomed the PM with a garland and *tikka* on his forehead. The 15-year-old girl was ostracised by villagers later, citing violation of Santal tribal traditions. She was expelled from the village. Budhni was her name.

Nehru had made the labourer girl who used to carry bricks and mud for the construction of the Panchet dam inaugurate the dam. But after the photo session, she had ceased to be a story for newspapers. DVC also dismissed her from her job,



Illustration: Suvajit Dey

perhaps because of the talk among villagers that she was "Nehru's wife"! How she lived her life after the incident wasn't anyone's concern.

Budhni started taking shape in my mind as a symbol of crores and crores of people who have been drowned in memory during nation-building, mega projects, including dams, and companies such as DVC and Bharat Coking Coal Limited.

Even now, people in 11 villages on the eastern borders of Jharkhand are fighting against the acquisition of their fertile land for construction of a thermal power plant by the Adanis. The realisation that the story of Budhni is also the story of uprooted people is what motivated me to write a novel on her. Her story should not have gone unwritten. I had to develop it into a story of the Santal tribe as well — a population that lives peacefully in areas that are fertile and rich in resources, without exploiting them.

In her article, Padmanabhan mentioned her attempts to meet Budhni. "All this while, I had debated the merits of meeting Budhni. Last week, through a friend's friend in Ranchi I got news that Budhni died last year, disconsolate to the end. She was in her late 60s," she writes.

In the third week of November 2018, I reached Jharkhand. It was a pilgrimage through the memories of Budhni, who I believed was dead. Also to meet people related to her and gather all available infor-

mation on her.

I felt Budhni had to be revived from the criminal forgetfulness of the country; she wasn't just a mud block that was broken during the great nation-building process. I felt that she should rise again in the nation's memory along with hundreds of villages, vast farmlands, forests and temple complexes that were drowned in the Panchet reservoir.

Budhni is a novel based on a news article. It is not her life story or a historical novel. I started writing it as a story of Budhni who was dead. While writing it, I took utmost care on how to blend history with fiction, and how to merge news and fiction. The life Budhni lives in my novel may not be the life of the original Budhni. Original Budhni's life wasn't what my character called for. That I left to imagination and possibilities. My assessment is that imaginative power will help make historical facts truthful.

In the course of researching the novel, I discovered that Budhni, now in her 70s, was alive. It was purely coincidental that I got to meet her as well. I could experience the same wonder and happiness I felt all through the writing of this novel.

Sarah Joseph is a renowned Malayalam fiction writer. Budhni will be published in September. Translated from Malayalam by Yamini Nair

OUT OF MY MIND



MEGHNAD DESAI

CHANDRAYAAN 2 has been launched and with that, India joins the small select club of nations which have major space missions on their CV. It is much more important than even the nuclear capability. It shows that India is able to meet the high standards of space technology.

How has India done this? Gandhiji was against modern machinery, modern medicine and the whole Western civilisation as he explained at length in his first major

Moon Struck, and more of it

book, *Hind Swaraj*. Left to him, India would never have industrialised. It was the younger generation of Nehru, Ambedkar and Savarkar who wanted to westernise and modernise India. Subhas Chandra Bose was of the same view.

Nehru wanted to industrialise India but without the help of private business. As he said to J R D Tata, he thought profit was a dirty word. Business people were shunned. The government took the view that profits of private business were due to monopoly and restrictive practices. In Japan and South Korea, business and government were partners to make the country prosperous. It was a very costly ideological stance which kept India poor for longer than necessary.

The exception was in science and

technology. It was the genius of Vikram Sarabhai which launched India on the fast track, which has brought us Chandrayaan.

Sarabhai came, of course, from one of the top industrialist families. Amba Lal Sarabhai and his sister Anasuya had been captivated by Gandhiji. Vikram was not an industrialist but a scientist. He saw that India could leapfrog by using the latest technology of television and of space rocketry.

It was a lucky break for India that Nehru listened to Sarabhai. People complained that when Indians lacked basic amenities, why were we going for space? Such a utilitarian argument may seem attractive but it is false. A country has to take the untrodden path if it is to reach the top.

India escaped from the tyranny of government-controlled telephones and TV only thanks to the leap into open economy, privatisation of telephony via mobile telephones and private TV channels. It was a combination of enlightened public policy, private entrepreneurship of Indians and foreign capital investing in India which cracked the ceiling.

If India leads in financial transactions technology, in online payments system, in e-commerce, it is no thanks to any Planning Commission.

There used to be constant fear of the return of the East India Company and a virulent xenophobia. Now India is a major capital exporter to the UK and Indian capital is the largest employer of British manufacturing workers. That is because

the UK does not have an antediluvian labour hiring and firing policy, as India adopted in the name of protecting workers' rights.

If India had the guts to modernise its labour laws and if the trade unions could be made aware that liberal labour laws will expand union membership rather than reduce it, we may make the final leap towards a \$15 trillion economy by 2030.

India requires 10% per annum growth of industrial output if this ambition is to be realised. Narendra Modi has to offer the bold leaders needed to take India out of the low-lying areas of industrial stagnation and aim for the heights.

A country which can become a leader in space flights can scale any heights.

AIADMK, DMK begin campaigning for Vellore LS seat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHENNAI, JULY 27

POLITICIANS FROM Tamil Nadu's ruling AIADMK and main opposition DMK have started campaigning for the Vellore Lok Sabha constituency, scheduled to go to polls on August 5.

DMK president M K Stalin launched his campaign from Saturday for his party's candidate Anand, while Chief Minister and AIADMK leader Edappadi K Palaniswami and top ministers are campaigning for A C Shanmugam.

The election to the seat was originally to be held on April 18 alongside the other 38 constituencies in Tamil Nadu, but was cancelled by the Election Commission after cash seizures in the district, which would "severely jeopardise the conduct of a free-and-fair election".

The counting for the seat will now be held on August 9.

Vellore, with a sizable population of minority voters, is known as the home turf of DMK candidate Anand's father Duraimurugan. However, the AIADMK hopes that the election being conducted now will help them win by deploying maximum ministers besides the support of NDA partners.

The two smaller Tamil parties — T T V Dhinakaran's Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK) and Kamal Haasan's Makkal Needhi Maiam (MNM) are not fielding candidates for the polls.

Haasan said holding the election without any progress in cases registered against those caught and raided for keeping excess amount of cash, allegedly for bribing voters, will reduce the confidence of the people in the EC. Meanwhile, Dhinakaran has said that his party will not contest the polls as the registration process of the AMMK is still pending before the EC.

Told to chain his dog, murder convict out on bail kills uncle: cops

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUDHIANA, JULY 27

TOLD TO tame his dog, a murder convict out on bail attacked three members of his extended family leading to death of one person, police said Saturday.

The incident took place at Saidoke village in Moga Friday late. The accused was identified as 32-year-old Darshan Singh Lalli, who was earlier awarded a jail term of 10 years after being convicted of his business partner's murder in 2009 in Barnala district. Out on bail since 2017, he is absconding after the incident.

Lalli lived with his mother, police said. Their house shares a porch with that of Lalli's paternal uncle Sukhminder Singh.

Police said that Lalli's dog, a pitbull, would often cross over to his uncle's place and create nuisance. "There used to be daily fights over the dog and Sukhminder used to tell Lalli to take care of his pet. However, Lalli, an alcoholic, did not listen," said Inspector Lachhman Singh, SHO, Nihal Singh Wala police station.

On Friday, the dog again crossed over to their place and allegedly attacked Sukhminder and his son Nirmal Singh. Around 8.30 pm, Sukhminder called Lalli to discuss the issue but the latter attacked him with a baseball bat. He also allegedly attacked his aunt Jaswinder Kaur and Nirmal. When his mother tried to intervene, Lalli allegedly attacked her too.

Sukhminder was referred to Faridkot Medical College and Hospital where he died.

The SHO said that an FIR for murder has been registered against Lalli on the statement of Nirmal Singh.

Minor raped and murdered, man held: UP Police

Lucknow: A four-year-old girl was allegedly raped and smothered to death by a 25-year-old man in a Bulandshahr village Friday night. The accused was arrested and the body of the girl handed over to her family members after the medical examination, police said.

Bulandshahr SSP N Kolanchi said, "On Friday evening, the girl, along with her parents had gone to the village to attend the function. The accused (25), who is a neighbour of the family, was also present there. The girl returned with her parents. Around 2 am, the youth entered the house in an inebriated state and abducted the girl. He took her to a secluded area and raped her. He later smothered the victim to death and hid the body under a culvert."

Later, the family members searched for her at nearby places but to no avail. They approached the local police.

"During preliminary investigation, the neighbour was picked for questioning. He confessed to have raped and killed the girl. The body was found on the basis of his revelation. The autopsy report is awaited," the SSP said.

"We took the family members to the spot where the body was found and they confirmed her identity," said another police officer. **ENS**

MISSION SHAKTI DRDO scientist: Only 30-40 people knew of ASAT launch

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, JULY 27

CLAIMING THAT they "used deception to maintain secrecy" about Mission Shakti, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) scientist Dr U Rajababu on Saturday said that till the time of launch of Anti-Satellite Missile Test (ASAT) on March 27, only 30-40 people knew about the strategic weapon's launch.

Rajababu, the Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) programme director, was addressing a seminar on Mission Shakti in Nehru Science Centre on Saturday. Most in audience were school children. He said that more than 150 scientists were involved in the launch of ASAT, but only a handful knew what exactly they were working for.

"In the first two months, only three people knew. In six months, only 10 people knew about ASAT launch," he said, adding that they had to shield the actual

launch from their own scientists by claiming the work was for electronic targeting.

On the night of March 27, India became the fourth country to enter the elite league where sophisticated technology was used to destroy a high velocity satellite within 10 cm of accuracy. The ASAT was launched from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island launch complex near Balasore, Odisha, because of its strategic location to offer a long range. The missile neutralised the satellite 283 km from Earth's surface.

"We could have targeted a higher orbit, but we wanted to limit to a small fraction of space debris. About 120 km above the target satellite was the international space station that also had to be avoided," Rajababu said. Space debris, he said, is inevitable.

"The interception happened at such a high velocity and it appears some fragments of the satellite went up in space. But these are few fragments compared to lakhs of fragments of Chinese or US satellites," he added.

22-year-old gets first death sentence for POCSCO offence in Odisha

SAMPAD PATNAIK
BHUBANESWAR, JULY 27

A SPECIAL court in Odisha on Friday handed down the death sentence to a 22-year-old man for raping and murdering a minor girl - the first such instance in the state involving the POCSCO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) Act.

However, the death sentence will be given effect after confirmation by the High Court.

The rape and murder occurred in January in Angul district. The victim, a 13-year-old

girl, was accosted by the man, who then dragged her to a forested area, where she was raped and murdered.

After a day-to-day basis trial, the court called the crime "rarest of the rare", citing that the rape took place before and after death, and pointing to the use of a stone to assault the victim's head to render her unconscious

and then kill her.

Angul SP Mitrabhanu Mahapatra told *The Sunday Express*, "The conviction was possible on account of rigorous police work. The accused had fled to Kolkata by climbing into a heavy goods carrier. However, he was caught due to technical surveillance by the police after he placed a call from his phone."

"We guarded the spot where the killing took place and collected biological evidence through a scientific officer... This was done in the presence of a magistrate and therefore the evidentiary value was strong in this case."

Arms seized, 4 held in Bengal

Kolkata: In two separate operations, West Bengal Police seized a huge cache of arms and ammunition from two districts on Friday. While one person was arrested from Baruipur police district, three others were nabbed from Murshidabad.

Police said acting on a tip-off, a Special Operation Group along with officials of Canning Police station jointly raided the house of one accused, Abu Siddik Laskar, at Amtala Sk para under Canning police station area late on Thursday night.

Police unearthed an arms factory from the house of Laskar, 55, and recovered huge cache of arms. **ENS**

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2. The brief description is as follows :-
(a) Height — 175 cms
(b) Age — 31 years
(c) Complexion — Wheatish
(d) Identification Mark — Male on right forearm
3. If you have seen this officer please inform on below mentioned address :-
10 SIKH LI, PIN-912310, C/o 56 APO
CONTACT MOB NO. : 8264955010
4. If no information is received within two months from the date of this advertisement, the individual will be presumed dead and his services will be terminated.

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Central GST Commissionerate Faridabad, Government of India will hold "Pension Adalat" on 29.7.2019 (Monday) at 12:00 PM for redressal of grievances of pensioners of erstwhile Central Excise & Commissionerate, Faridabad - I & II (Now Central GST Commissionerate, Faridabad) if any.
Venue : Conference Hall, Block - 'C' New CGO Complex, NH-IV, NIT Faridabad
Sd/-
COMMISSIONER
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MANAGE TB
AN ONLINE COURSE FOR DOCTORS

Tuberculosis is a major public health problem in much of the developing world. India contributes one-fourth of the global burden of TB and an estimated 4.2 lakh lives are lost every year due to this illness.

The Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP) of the Government of India offers quality assured diagnosis and treatment free of charge to TB patients. But more than half of all TB patients seek care preferentially from the private sector. Recently there have been major developments in the management of TB, particularly in diagnosis and fresh guidelines and protocols have been framed. The ICMR-National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis (NIRT) in technical collaboration with the National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL) has designed an online course for doctors "Manage TB". This is an initiative to address the felt need of sensitizing doctors both in public and private sector to the standards of care and the new guidelines and developments in the modern management of TB. The course has been designed keeping in mind the busy schedule of the practicing Physician. We believe it will enable practicing doctors to keep themselves abreast of current developments and best clinical practices in the management and control of this disease.

More than 3500 participants enrolled for the first two editions of the course. We have had favorable feedback on the merits and value of the course. The third run of the course is due to commence on 29th July 2019. We hope that this online 8-week Manage TB course will benefit doctors treating TB patients and medical students in guiding them to offer care of a higher order to their patients.

Who can apply :
Those with MBBS degree from a recognised university and MBBS students.

Mode of learning :
• Video-lectures
• Case/panel discussions
• Video demonstrations of laboratory procedures
• Reading material/ MCQs
Course duration : 20 hours in 8 weeks

Course registration : FREE
Please follow this URL:
https://swayam.gov.in/nd1_noc19_ge25/preview
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5th August 2019

Certification Exam :
At designated centres upon course completion
Exam Fees : Rs.1000

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POSSESSION NOTICE
Common Possession Notice for Immovable Properties of more than one borrower by the same Authorised Officer (For Immovable property)

Whereas Punjab National Bank/ the Authorized Officer/s of the Punjab National Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 read with the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice/s on the dates mentioned against each account calling upon the respective borrower/s to repay the amount as mentioned against each account within 60 days from the date of notice(s)/ date of receipt of said notice(s).

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred to him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned against each account.

The borrower/s/ guarantor/s/ mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower/s in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealing with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of Punjab National Bank for the amounts and interest thereon.

Sr. No.	Name of the Branch	Name of the Account	Name of the borrower (Owner of the property)	Description of the property mortgaged	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice Affixed	Amount outstanding as on date of demand notice	Name of the Authorised Officer/s
1.	New Market, Patna	Smt. Sunita Devi W/o Santosh Kumar	Smt. Sunita Devi W/o Santosh Kumar	Property situated at Mauza-Sheikhpura, Mohalla-CDA Colony, Pargana & P.S.-Shastri Nagar, Dist.-Patna under Thana No.-09, Ward No.-04, Tauzi No.-5765, Khata No.351, Khesra Survey Plot No.-196. Area-13 Dhur 09 Dhurki. Pertaining to Smt. Sunita Devi W/o Santosh Kumar. Boundary: North-Survey Plot No.-196 Shree Kashi Nath, South-12ft Road, East-Shree Rajendra Prasad Emroja Kharidar, West-Part Plot of 198.	24.09.2018	24.07.2019	₹ 12,52,782/- (Rs. Twelve lakh fifty two thousand seven hundred eighty two only) + Intt. and other costs	Smt. Anjana Singh
2.	New Market, Patna	Shri Prabhu Rai & Shri Shambhu Rai.	Shri Prabhu Rai & Shri Shambhu Rai.	Register Mortgage of land & building situated at Mauza-Dhakanpura, PS-Kotwali, Present PS-Shastri Nagar, Dist.-Patna, Thana No.-7, Khata No.-178, Plot No.498 & 499, Circle No.-249, Holding No.-973/494 Having Registered Mortgage Deed No.2134 Dated-01.02.2013 Pertaining to Shri Prabhu Rai and Shri Shambhu Rai. Boundary: North-House of Sanjeet Rai, South-House of Shyam Bahu Rai Later on Harichran Rai, East-House of Bachi Devi, West-10ft wide Road.	07.03.2016	24.07.2019	₹ 8,35,412/- (Rs. Eight lakh thirty five thousand four hundred twelve only) + Intt. and other costs	Smt. Anjana Singh
3.	New Market, Patna	Smt. Pinki Devi W/o Sri Parbodh Kumar Singh	Smt. Pinki Devi W/o Sri Parbodh Kumar Singh	Property situated at Mauza-Kurthaul, Khata No.-42, Survey Plot No.-213, Tauzi No.5184, Thana No.-110, Thana-Parsa Bazar, Circle-Pulwari Sharif Patna, Area-1.5620 Decimal, Pertaining to Smt. Pinki Devi W/o Sri Parbodh Kumar Singh. Boundary: North-Bajinath Singh, South-6 Feet Rasta, East-8 Feet Rasta, West-Bajinath Singh.	25.05.2014	24.07.2019	₹ 8,29,804/- (Rs. Eight lakh twenty nine thousand eight hundred four only) + Intt. and other costs	Smt. Anjana Singh

Date : 24.07.2019
Place : Patna

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Punjab National Bank

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The protest in Moscow. AP

RUSSIA

Police detain over 600 at election protest

Moscow: Russian police arrested more than 600 people Saturday, including activists, around a political protest in Moscow to demand that members of the opposition be allowed to run in a local election later this year. Chants of "Russia without Putin" and "Putin resign" echoed through central Moscow as guardsmen clad in riot gear beat back protesters with batons. Reuters witnesses said some of those detained appeared to be ordinary passersby in the wrong place at the wrong time.

BAHRAIN

3 men, two of them activists, executed

Dubai: Bahrain executed Saturday three men in two separate cases, one involving the killing of a police officer and the other the killing of a mosque imam, the public prosecutor said. Rights groups identified two as Shi'ite activists Ali al-Arab and Ahmed al-Malali, who were sentenced to death last year in a mass trial along with another 56 men convicted and given jail terms on "terrorism crimes". Alleging they were part of a terrorist cell, the court jailed 19 for life and 37 for terms of up to 15 years.

PAKISTAN

Man chains son at tea shop for work, arrested

Peshawar: Aman has been arrested for allegedly chaining his minor son at his tea shop after pictures showing one of his legs in shackles while doing some chores went viral on internet. Police swung into action after a video showed the boy busy in some work at the shop run by his father Thursday. The boy was rescued and handed over to his family, who assured not to treat him shabbily in future, Dawn reported. Meanwhile, his father Sardar Khan was produced before a court. Initially, it was thought to be a case of forced labour but later it emerged the boy was chained at the shop.

UK

Lawmakers condemn attack on Hindu priest

New York: Prominent US lawmakers and community leaders condemned the attack on a Hindu priest here, asserting there is "zero tolerance" for hate or bigotry of any kind. Swami Harish Chander Puri was attacked by a man while walking down the street in religious garb. The priest suffered bruises and abrasions all over his body, including his face. Police arrested Sergio Gouveia (52) in connection with the attack. Senator John Liu said the fact that Puri was attacked while wearing his religious robe evokes every fear this was a hate crime.

US nod for sale of \$125-mn military gear to Pak for monitoring F-16 jets

Also approves \$670-mn sales for India's C-17 aircraft

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 27

DAYS AFTER the meeting between President Donald Trump and Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, the Pentagon has notified the Congress of its decision to approve military sales worth \$125 million that would result in the monitoring of the F-16 fighter jets of Pakistan.

Simultaneously, as part of its efforts to enhance India's defence capabilities in the Indo-Pacific region, the Trump administration notified US Congress on Friday of its decision to approve foreign military sales worth \$670 million to support India's C-17 military transport aircraft.

"The Pentagon notification does not reflect any resumption of military assistance to Pakistan. \$125 million is a paltry amount for aircraft and is only for 24x7

monitoring of the fighter jets," a diplomatic source told PTI.

This is under the Foreign Military Sale (FMS) which means Pakistan will pay for it. No US tax payers' money is involved. According to a US State department official, there has been no change to the security assistance suspension announced by the president in January 2018.

"As the president reiterated this week, we could consider restoration of certain security assistance programmes consistent with the broader tenor of our relationship," the official said. The notification was sent by the Pentagon to Congress on Friday.

"This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the US by protecting American technology through the continued presence of US personnel that provide 24x7 end-use monitoring," he said.

In New Delhi, there was no

comment from the Indian government on the US decision.

Pakistan has used F-16 fighter jets against India, the latest being in the aftermath of the Balakot airstrike inside Pakistan by India.

Meanwhile, the decision to approve foreign military sales worth \$670 million to support India's C-17 military transport aircraft comes after a recent Indian request to buy equipment for C-17 follow-on support, to include spares and repair parts, support equipment, and personnel training and training equipment among others.

"India needs this follow-on support to maintain its operational readiness and ability to provide Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HA/DR) assistance in the region," the Defense Security Cooperation Agency said in a statement. India will have no difficulty in absorbing this support, it added. WITH PTI INPUTS

WHAT THE PROPOSED SALE TO PAK ENTAILS



File

A TOTAL ORDER OF 54
The programme raised the total number of F-16s ordered by Pakistan to 54. The Pakistan Air Force received its first F-16 in 1982

MILITARY BALANCE
The Pentagon asserted that the proposed sale of this support will not alter the basic military balance in the region

ADDING TO OVERSIGHT
As part of the programme, 60 contractors will be assigned to assist in the oversight of operations, a statement said.

'PEACE DRIVE I'
According to F-16.Net, the order was designated as 'Peace Drive I', continuing with a tradition of naming F-16 sales programmes with the word 'Peace'

Ditch Irish backstop or there will be no-deal Brexit, Boris cautions EU

WILLIAM JAMES
MANCHESTER, JULY 27

BRITISH PRIME Minister Boris Johnson cautioned the European Union on Saturday that the "anti-democratic" Irish backstop must be ditched if they were to strike a Brexit divorce deal.

Johnson, since taking office on Wednesday, has repeatedly said if the EU continues to refuse to renegotiate the Withdrawal Agreement agreed by his predecessor Theresa May, then he will take Britain out on October 31 without a deal.

His biggest demand is that the most hotly-contested element of the Brexit divorce agreement, the Irish border backstop, be struck out of the Withdrawal Agreement, a demand that has angered Ireland and perturbed other EU capitals.

"If we get rid of the backstop, whole and entire, then we are making a lot of progress,"



Britain's PM Boris Johnson in Manchester on Saturday. Reuters

Johnson said.

Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar said the question of the unification of Ireland and Northern Ireland would inevitably arise if Britain leaves the EU without a divorce deal on October 31.

"The approach of the UK government is not going to be disengaged or aloof or waiting for them to come to us: we are go-

ing to try to solve this problem and we are going to do it in a spirit of friendship and cooperation," Johnson said.

"But we can't do it as long as that anti-democratic backstop, that backstop that seeks to divide our country, divide UK, remains in place," he said. "We need to get it out and then we can make progress. I think." REUTERS

EXPLAINED A bone of contention

THE BACKSTOP is a mechanism to ensure Ireland's border with Northern Ireland remains open. However, Brexit supporters fear that this would subject UK to EU's rules, making it a "vassal state".

Ireland said the open border has helped dissipate Irish nationalists' anger about British rule, and that a move to impose checks could harm its 1998 peace deal with UK. London and Brussels have been unable to agree on an alternative option so far.

Pakistan: 10 soldiers dead in 2 attacks by terrorists

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
PESHAWAR, JULY 27

UNIDENTIFIED MILITANTS attacked Pakistani security forces in the tribal North Waziristan district and the restive Balochistan province on Saturday, killing 10 soldiers, including an officer.

In the first incident, six Pakistan Army soldiers were killed when the terrorists opened fire on a border patrolling party near Gurbaz area of North Waziristan district bordering Afghanistan.

The Pakistani military said in a statement that "terrorists from across the border fired on Pakistan Army border patrolling party near Gurbaz, killing 6 soldiers".

"Terrorists killed four security personnel when they fired upon a contingent of Frontier Corps (FC) Balochistan troops during a combing/sensitisation operation between Hushab and Turbat," said Pakistani Army's media wing Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) about the second attack.

The killing of the six soldiers on the Pak-Afghan border and of four in Balochistan "is the sacrifice Pakistan (is) making for peace in the region", Pakistan military's spokesman Director General Major Gen Asif Ghafoor tweeted.

"My condolences and prayers go to the families of the 10 brave soldiers, including an officer..." Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan said in a tweet.

Pakistan and Afghanistan accuse each other of harbouring terrorist groups that carry out attacks across the border.

Afghanistan accuses Pakistan of supporting the Taliban, a charge Pakistan denies.

TEAR GAS FIRED, BRICKS THROWN IN HONG KONG CLASH



■ Police fired tear gas during clashes in Hong Kong on Saturday at a protest that saw thousands participate

■ The protest was against an attack by "triad gang members" on protesters and commuters at a train station last weekend

■ Rocks and bottles were thrown at police, who were also building barricades out of street furniture and umbrellas. Police responded with tear gas. AP

'ALL THOSE MOMENTS WILL BE LOST IN TIME, LIKE TEARS IN RAIN'

Rutger Hauer, a memorable villain in 'Blade Runner', dies at 75

NEIL GENZLINGER
JULY 27

RUTGER HAUER, the ruggedly handsome Dutch actor who brought a sinister intensity to villainous roles in "Blade Runner," "Nighthawks," "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and other movies, died Friday at his home in the Friesland province of the Netherlands. He was 75.

A posting on his website said he died after a short illness.

Hauer's best-known role was in "Blade Runner," Ridley Scott's 1982 futuristic thriller, which today doesn't seem so futuristic - it was set in 2019. Harrison Ford starred as a man tasked with tracking down humanoid creatures called repli-

cants; Hauer played the most menacing replicant of the bunch.

"Mr. Hauer is properly cold-blooded here," Janet Maslin wrote in her review in *The New York Times*, adding that "he is by far the most animated performer in a film intentionally populated by automatons."

The year before, there was "Nighthawks," in which he was a terrorist pursued by a police officer played by Sylvester Stallone, a pairing that Maslin found appealing. "Mr. Hauer is so sleekly diabolical," she wrote, "Mr. Stallone so bearish and enraged, that their antagonism works in physical terms even if it hasn't been keenly established in dramatic ones."

His appearance as a vampire



Rutger Hauer brought a sinister intensity to villainous roles. AP

lord in the film version of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" (1992) was part of a string of vampire- and horror-related credits. He also

had a vampire turn in episodes of the HBO series "True Blood" this decade.

Hauer was matter-of-fact

about his tendency to be cast in such roles in Hollywood films.

Playing villains has its benefits for an actor - "Part of the freedom you have as a bad guy," he told journalist Douglas Thompson, "is that you can go anywhere, especially if it's a psychotic bad guy" - but Hauer always bristled a bit at being stereotyped by Hollywood decision-makers.

"They want to put you in a box," he said. "It makes for short-term security, I guess, but the problem is that people don't come in boxes. We're more like bubbles of water."

Rutger Oelsen Hauer was born Jan. 23, 1944, in Breukelen, near Amsterdam. His father, Arend, and his mother, Teunke (Mellema) Hauer, were actors

who also ran an acting school in Amsterdam.

He took some drama classes and worked with a theater company. In 1969 he was cast in the Dutch television series "Floris," playing a Robin Hood-like character.

The series was directed by Paul Verhoeven, who later made his mark with movies like "Total Recall," "RoboCop" and "Basic Instinct." Verhoeven cast him in "Turkish Delight," an erotic 1973 film, as well as in the Dutch war film "Soldier of Orange" (1977).

One of the most memorable parts of "Blade Runner" comes when Hauer delivers what has become known as the "tears in rain" monologue, his character's death scene.

Hauer adapted the famous dialogue himself from the script the night before the scene was shot. His replicant character recites some highlights of his life as rain pours down and then says, "All those moments will be lost in time, like tears in rain."

Hauer's survivors include his wife, Ineke.

Hauer had more than 170 film and television credits, but he maintained a practical view of his profession.

"An actor is a clown who does his trick, and the audience pays to see your trick, and that's it - you shouldn't go beyond that," he told *The Times*.

"We are a luxury," he added. "We're just like paintings on the wall, except we're moving." NYT



A portion of the border wall in El Centro, California. File

SC nod for Trump to proceed with border wall plan

ADAM LIPTAK
WASHINGTON, JULY 27

THE SUPREME Court on Friday gave President Donald Trump a victory in his fight for a wall along the Mexican border by allowing the administration to begin using \$2.5 billion in Pentagon money for the construction.

In a 5-4 ruling, the court overturned an appellate decision and said the administration could tap the money while litigation over the matter proceeds. But that will most likely take many months or longer, allowing Trump to move ahead before the case returns to the Supreme Court after further proceedings in the appeals court.

While the order was only one paragraph long and unsigned, the Supreme Court said the groups challenging the administration did not appear to have a legal right to do so. That was an indication that the court's conservative majority was likely to side with the administration in the end.

The court's four more liberal justices dissented. Trump promptly posted on Twitter that he was delighted with the ruling: "Wow! Big VICTORY on the Wall. The United States Supreme Court overturns lower court injunction, allows Southern Border Wall to proceed. Big WIN for Border Security and the Rule of Law!"

The ruling in the case concerned injunctions entered by a trial judge that blocked the transfer of military funds to wall construction. An appeals court refused to stay the trial judge's ruling while it considered the administration's appeal. The



Supreme Court's ruling Friday allows construction to proceed while the litigation continues.

Dror Ladin, a lawyer with the American Civil Liberties Union, one of the groups behind the legal challenge, said the ruling was a temporary setback.

"We will be asking the federal appeals court to expedite the ongoing appeals proceeding to halt the irreversible and imminent damage from Trump's border wall," Ladin said. "Border communities, the environment, and our Constitution's separation of powers will be permanently harmed should Trump get away with pillaging military funds for a xenophobic border wall Congress denied."

In dissent, Justice Stephen G. Breyer wrote: "This case raises novel and important questions about the ability of private parties to enforce Congress' appropriations power." But the immediate issue for the court, he added, was merely whether to enter a stay of the trial court's injunction. NYT

Missile tests defensive, need no permission: Iran

REUTERS
DUBAI, JULY 27

IRAN SAID on Saturday missile tests were part of its defensive needs and were not directed against any country, after Washington said Tehran had test-fired a medium-range missile.

A U.S. defence official said Iran tested what appeared to be a medium-range ballistic missile on Wednesday that travelled about 1,000 km (620 miles), adding that the test did not pose a threat to shipping or U.S. personnel in the region.

"An informed source at the armed forces staff said Iran's missile tests are natural within its defensive needs. This missile capacity is not against any coun-

try, and only aims to respond to possible aggression," Iranian news agencies reported.

"Iran does not need the permission of any power in the world for its self-defence," the reports quoted the military source as saying.

US President Donald Trump pulled out of an international agreement on Iran's nuclear programme last year and stepped up sanctions on Tehran.

He said the nuclear deal was flawed because it did not include curbs on Iran's development of ballistic missiles or its support for proxies in Syria, Yemen, Lebanon and Iraq. Iran has ruled out talks with Washington over its military capabilities, particularly the missile programme that it says is defensive.

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For and on behalf of the President of India, Senior Divisional Manager/Coaching, Northern Railway, Delhi Division, New Delhi

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दिनांक: 27.07.2019

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I, Dimpal Valecha S/W/D Humam Chand Valecha R/O-H.No-752, Model Town, Panipat, Haryana, have changed my name Dimple Valecha to Dimpal Valecha for all purpose.

I, Sumit Gupta, S/O Gauri Shankar Gupta, R/O-Rz-334/96, Galino-12, Madanpuri, West-Sagarpur, Delhi-110046. Changed My Minor Daughter Name Bhakti Mahajan To Bhakti Gupta.

I, Saroj Devi W/o Ashish Kanwar, R/O.House.No.104, Sukhdham Apartments, Sector-9, Rohini, New Delhi-110085. Have changed my name to Saroj Kanwar.

I, Sangeeta Sharma W/o Kamal Chand R/O C-13A Gal No-5A, Jankipuri Uttam-Nagar Delhi-110059. Have changed my name to Sangeeta.

I, Sandip Kumar Tiwari S/o-Ved Prakash Tiwari, R/O-H-755A, First-Floor, Palam-Vihar, Gurugram(Haryana)-122017, have changed my name to Sandeep Kumar Tiwari.

I, Sabina W/o Vijay Kumar R/O-90-A, LIG flats, Madhuban Enclave, Madipur, New Delhi-110063, confirm that Sabina & Sabina Joseph both are name of one and same person.

I, Rupesh Kumar Arora S/O Sh.Dina Nath Arora R/O-D-20, IInd-floor (East-of-Kailash), New Delhi-110065, have changed my name to Rupesh Arora for all future purposes.

I, Lini Goeel D/o Shri Alok Kumar R/O Flat.No.515, Supertech Avant Garden, Plot.No.1, Sector-5, Vaishali (Ghaziabad) U.P-201010, India, have changed my name to Palak Agarwal for all future purposes.

I, Govind Ballabh S/O Sh.Khayali Ram Pandey R/O-H.No.B-152, Indira Park, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043, have changed my name to Govind Ballabh Panday for all future purposes.

I, kanika D/o Tony Kalra R/O 10/20A, Moti Nagar, Delhi-15 is also known as Kanika Kalra. Both the aforesaid names are mine

I, hitherto known as Poonam Rani Rathore, W/O Sh.Lalit Kumar Sahu R/O-1178/78, Deva-Ram Park, TriNagar, Delhi-35, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Poonam Rathore.

I, KM. MEHAJABIN RIYAZ W/O YUSUF MALIK H.NO.B-1/66, Ground-and 1st-floor yamuna-Vihar DELHI-110053, have changed my name to ARSHI MALIK.

I, K Haseeb Ahmad, S/O K Sikander Ahmad, R/O-J3/172, KrishanKunj, Near Anar Wali Masjid, Laxmi-Nagar, Delhi-110092. Have changed my name to Khawaja Haseeb Ahmad.

I, Juganu Nigahat Paraveen W/O Varis Ali Khan R/O B-9, Agahpur, Sector-41, Noida, UP. Have changed my name to Juganu.

I, Joice Mall W/o Late.Sudhir Kumar R/O L-46, Gali No.18, New Mahavir-Nagar, Tilak-Nagar, N.Delhi-110018, confirm that Joice & Joice Mall both are one and same person.

I, Jai Singh S/o Hardwar Lal R/O D-82, Prashant Vihar, Sector-14, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Jai Singh Mann for all purposes.

I, Jai Pal Kumar Jain S/O Chhattar Sain Jain R/O B-427, Gali No.22, Bhajanpura, Delhi, have changed my name to Jai Pal Jain for all purposes.

I, Het Ram/Hat Ram S/O Budh Ram R/O 37B DDA Flats Pocket-2, Sector-7, Dwarka Delhi-110075, have changed my name to Hat Ram Chauhan.

I, Mohd Bilal S/O Ikram R/O-1158, Gali.No.4, Hindon-Vihar, Meerut-Road, Ghaziabad, UP. Have changed my name to Bilal.

I, Mohammad Shahan S/O Mohammad Shareef R/O B-27, Ground Floor, Nizamuddin West New Delhi-110013 have changed my minor daughter name from Hiza Shahan to Aayat for all purposes.

I, Faren W/o Mohammad Rashid Qureshi R/O Badri-Nagar, Dareshi-Road, Mathura, UP. Have changed my name to Farheen Qureshi.

I, Dheeraj Gupta S/O Vinod Kumar Gupta R/O 103/9, S-5, Near Gaushala Chowk, Kishangarh, Vasant Kunj, ND-70, have changed my name to Dheeraj Kumar Gupta.

I, Chandan Kumar S/O Rajender Prasad Shah H.No-78, Gali No-2, New Sabha Pur Gujran, Karawal Nagar, Delhi-110094. Changed My Name To Chandan Gupta.

I, Poonam Devi W/o Ram Prakash R/O 1736, Gandhi Nagar Near Sec 10, Gurgaon, have changed my name to Poonam.

I, Pawan S/o Sh. Balraj Singh R/O H.No.87, Village Challeria, Gali No.3, near Amit Atta Chakki, Sector-44, Noida (U.P.), have changed my name to Pawan Kumar for all purpose.

I, OMKAR S/O BHOPAL SINGH R/O-W-24A PLOT No-83 SHAM NAGAR-EXT Vishnu Garden Delhi-110018. Changed my name to OMKAR CHAUHAN.

I, Nishu Aggarwal, S/O Sh.Sushil Kumar Aggarwal R/O.H.No.462, Pathanpura-Shahdara Delhi-110032. Have changed my name from Nishi Kant Aggarwal to Nishu Aggarwal, for all future purposes.

I, Mohd Ikram S/O Haji Bundu R/O-1158, Gali.No.4, Hindon-Vihar, Meerut-Road, Ghaziabad, UP. Have changed my name to Ikram.

I, Mohd Bilal S/O Ikram R/O-1158, Gali.No.4, Hindon-Vihar, Meerut-Road, Ghaziabad, UP. Have changed my name to Bilal.

I, Meenakshi Jain W/O Sh. Ajay Goel R/O B-1/53 Phase-II Ashok-Vihar Delhi-110052. Have changed my name to Meenakshi Goel permanently.

I, Manik S/O Shri Satwinder Kumar R/O E-3/312, Paradise Apartments, Sector-18, Rohini, Delhi-110089, have changed my name to Manik Kapil.

I, Adesh Kumar Tyagi S/O Baleshwar Tyagi R/O-Flat-G907, Fortune-Residency, Rajnagar-Extension, Ghaziabad, have changed my name Adesh Tyagi.

I, Amit Kumar S/O Sh. Kishor Kumar R/O Village-Barola, Near New Bal Bharti Public School, Sector-49, Noida (U.P.), Have added my Surname Name as "SINGH" and now I am known as AMIT KUMAR SINGH S/O SH. KISHORE KUMAR for all purpose and my actual date of birth is 23/03/1984. That Amit Kumar & Amit Kumar Singh is the one and same person.

I, Kamia Devi W/O Hat Ram Chauhan R/O 37B DDA Flats Pocket-2, Sector-7, Dwarka Delhi-110075. Have Changed My Name to Kamlesh Chauhan.

Inder Kathuria S/O Darshan Lal Kathuria residing at 58 Ground Floor AGCR Enclave Delhi-110092 have changed the name of my minor son Meet Kathuria aged 15th Years and he shall hereafter be known as Yashraj Kathuria. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

I, Kamalapuram Krishna Mohan That Is K Krishna Mohan R/O-Tmq.No-P-14/3, Air-Force Station, Naraina, Delhi-Cantt. Have Changed My Son Name From K Hemant Datta To K Hemant Datta As Per School Records And That Both Names Pertain To One And The Same Person vide-Affidavit Dated-26-07-2019.

I, Sonam Devi, W/O Shiv Kumar, H.No-206, Rajnagar, Block-D-1, Gali.No-3, Loni, Uttar-Pradesh-201102, Hereby informs That Savitri Devi And Sonam Devi Are The Same Person.

I, Siga Ram Manglam S/O Tuhiram H.No-147, A-1, Middle-Portion, Lower Ground-Floor, Inderpuri, N.Delhi-110012. Have Changed My Name To Jiyaram Mangal.

I, Shivin Anand S/O Sujay Anand R/O-11, Nizamuddin East, New Delhi-110013 have changed my name from Shiven Anand to Shivin Anand for all future purposes.

I, Shibani Sahu, W/O Sujeet Kumar Choudhary, R/O 374, 1st Floor, Lotus Lane, Niti Khund-2, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P-201014 have changed my name to Shivani Choudhary for all future purposes.

I, Satish Singh S/O Raj Kumar Singh R/O-RZ-20-21/274 Gali.No-5C Geetanjali-Park West-Sagarpur Delhi-110046. Have changed the name of my minor son Priyanshu Kumar Singh aged 13years and he shall hereafter be known as Priyanshu Kumar Singh.

I, Lakashmii Joshi W/O Sh.Ashok Kumar Joshi R/O.H.No.253 J.J.Colony Satya-Niketan Chankyapuri NewDelhi-110021. Have changed my name to Luxmi Joshi for all purposes.

I, Krishna Nand Bhatt S/O Nand Ram Bhatt H.No-D-325, Pul-Pahladpur, Jaitpur, Delhi-110044 have changed my name to Shreekrishna Bhatt.

I, S Bhavani That Is Srigrhi Bhavani, Spouse Of Kamalapuram Krishna Mohan That Is K Krishna Mohan R/O-Tmq.No-P 14/3 Air-Force Station-Narayana Delhi-Cantt Have Changed My Name From S Bhavani That Is Srigrhi Bhavani To K Bhavani vide-Affidavit Dated-26-07-2019.

LOST & FOUND
LOST-DDA Rohini 1981 Scheme Original Demand cum allotment Letter, RTGS Slip & other Imp. Docs. of Sardarni Manjeet Sethi W/O Lt. BS Sethi R/O 28, Masjid Lane, Bhogal, ND-14, FIRE No. 1254552/2019 dt.11/07/2019, has been logged with Crime Branch, Delhi. Founder Cnt: 9899292262.

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Original Will executed by Surjit Gupta W/o Mast Ram Gupta in favour of Ranu Gupta W/o Raju Gupta duly registered as registration No. 1980, Book No. III, Volume No. 1196, on pages 163 to 164, registered on 28/02/2004, in the office of Sub-Registrar, New Delhi, in relation of the above-mentioned property.

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Public at large are hereby informed that below mentioned documents have been misplaced from the office of my client Dewan Hirdesh Finance Corporation Ltd. having its registered office at Warden House, 2nd Floor, Sir P.M. Road, Fort, Mumbai-400001 and branch office at Unit No.09, Ground Floor, GD-ITL North Ex Tower, Plot No.A-9, Netaji Subhash Place, New Delhi (La. 1) Original G.A. in favour of Parveen Khatri dated 28-01-2008 & Original sale deed in favour of Mrs. Renu Devi, vide docs No.3778 regd. on dated 15-01-2018 pertaining to property bearing No. U-1, Kh No-429, 10/1 & 10/2 Gautam Colony, Main Safdarabad Road, Village Narela, Narela Delhi-110040. Accordingly my client has lodged police complaint dated 26-07-2019 in P.S.-Crime Branch Delhi, vide LR No.-1317740/2019 and the same is under investigation. The public are hereby cautioned against dealing in any manner with the above referred documents and if the same is misused heretofore shall be at his/her own risk. If anyone found the above referred documents the same must be returned immediately to Unit No.01 & 09, Ground Floor, GD-ITL, North Ex Tower, Plot No.A-9, Netaji Subhash Place, New Delhi.

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World Hepatitis Day

Liver awareness leads to liver wellness

LIVER, ONE of the largest organs in the body, has many important metabolic functions. It converts the nutrients in our diets into substances that the body can use, stores these substances, and supplies cells with them when needed. It also takes up toxic substances and converts them into harmless substances or makes sure they are released from the body. It works as a nutrient organiser of a human body. To sum it up, a healthy liver is a must for a happy life.

Hence, *The Indian Express* reached out to Dr Mandhir Kumar, a senior consultant in the Department of Gastroenterology at the Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi, on the occasion of World Hepatitis Day, to know more about the liver-related diseases and how those can be controlled. Here's an extract from the conversation:

What kind of diseases affect a human liver?

There are a number of diseases which can affect a human liver. Broadly they can be infective, which are commonly due to Hepatitis viruses A to E. Hepatitis A and E are spread by feco-oral route i.e. waterborne. These occur due to poor hygienic conditions and cause only acute condition, commonly known as jaundice. These are usually self-limited but one per cent can lead to death due to liver failure. However, these infections can lead to significant morbidity, debility and absenteeism from work. Hepatitis B can lead to both acute and chronic hepatitis. Hepatitis C mainly leads to chronic hepatitis, which means the infection persists in body for more than six months. Chronic hepatitis may further progress to cirrhosis, liver failure and cancer of liver. Both of these viruses can come by transfusions of infected blood, needle injuries, tattooing, unsafe sex or from mother to baby. Other viruses can also infect the liver and we now see dengue virus also leads to hepatitis.

Besides the hepatitis viruses, liver is secondarily involved in many other systemic infections like typhoid and malaria, which however require treatment of basic diseases. Amoebiasis is quite common in India and can infect the liver and cause pus in it which we call as liver abscess. Tuberculosis can also affect liver.

Other than the infective causes, liver can be affected by toxins, most common being alcohol. Certain medicines can also affect liver. Over the years, alcohol has become much more important cause of liver disease overtaking the viral infections.

Now deposition of fats in liver is rapidly becoming the most important cause of liver disease because of today's sedentary lifestyle, excessive fatty and junk food, lack of exercise and the explosion in the prevalence of diabetes in our country. Obesity is becoming too prevalent and is again one of the important causes.

What is the basic difference between fatty liver and hepatitis?

Fatty liver is deposition of excess fat in the liver which is more than 20 per cent (normal being less than five percent) and is a finding commonly reported during Ultrasonographic examination. Major risk factors include obesity and diabetes, though fatty liver disease is also associated with excessive alcohol consumption. Normally if one gets liver function tests (LFTs), the result can be normal — if it is confined to the stage of fatty liver. However, if the body initiates an immune response to excessive fat deposition, then the liver enzymes (AST/ALT) can become deranged, which we commonly term as NASH (Non-alcoholic Steatohepatitis). Thus, if a fatty liver is reported, a screening is required for diabetes and deranged lipids and thyroid problems. Fatty liver has become the greatest epidemic on earth.

The phase of hepatitis is bad and over the years a significant percentage would go on to develop cirrhosis from NASH. One should always rule out infection with viruses Hepatitis B and C which are main causes of chronic hepatitis in our country, besides alcoholic hepatitis.

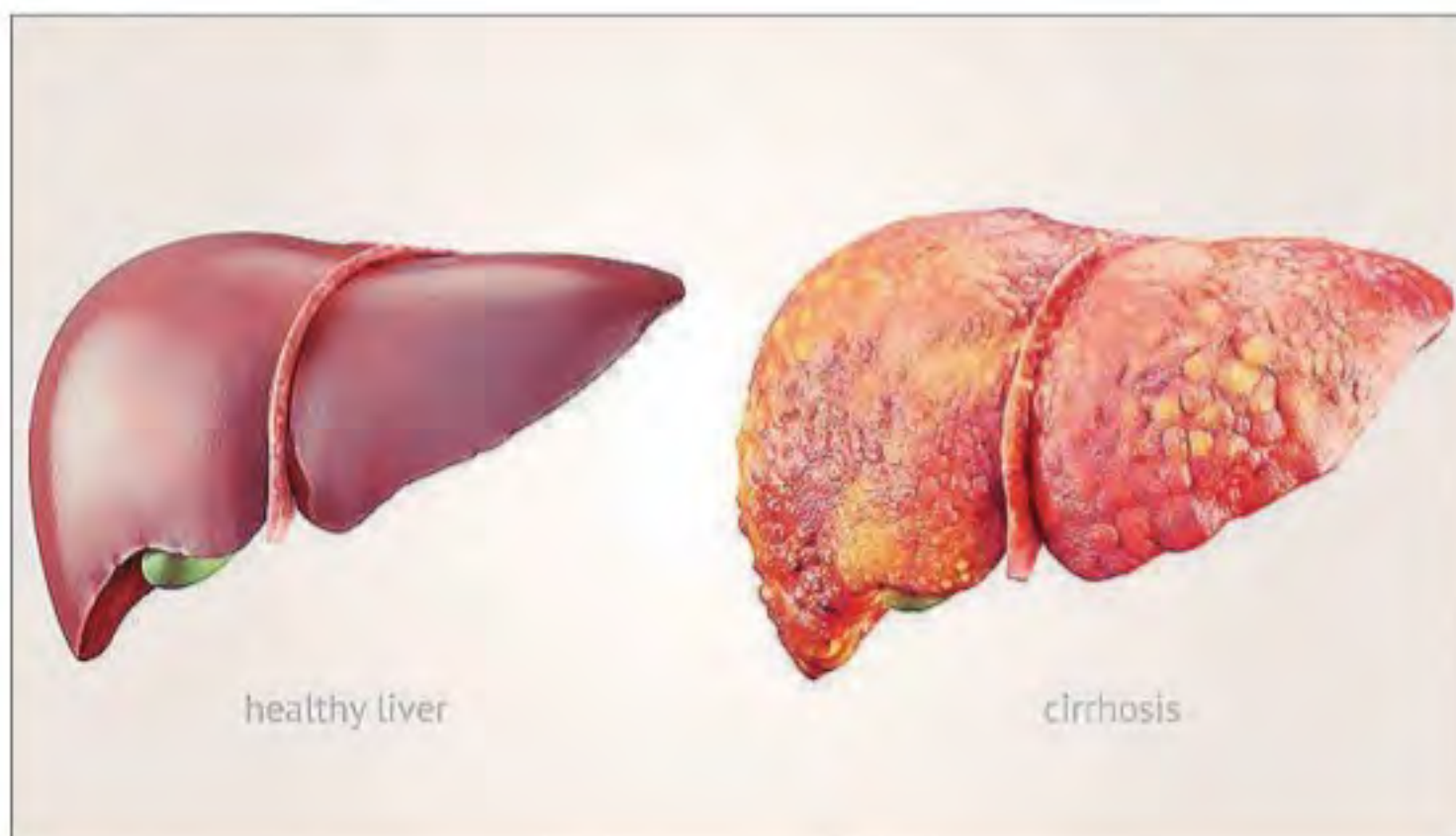
One can conclude that fatty liver is still innocuous till the time the liver enzymes are normal, but once the inflammation occurs broadly it is reflected by derangement in liver function when a stage of hepatitis is reached. Final conclusive diagnosis however depends on biopsy of liver.

Both fatty liver and hepatitis lead to liver cirrhosis, fibrosis etc. Which one of the two is more dangerous for the human

REGULAR AND EXCESSIVE DRINKING HAS BECOME THE MOST COMMON CAUSE OF LIVER DISEASES AND HAS OVERTAKEN VIRAL DISEASES, ESPECIALLY IN THE URBAN AREAS



Dr Mandhir Kumar (MBBS, MD and DM) is a Senior Consultant in the Department of Gastroenterology at the Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi. A seasoned professional, Dr Kumar has always delivered excellent care to his patients. His expertise reflects in his treatments and he is adept at handling all kinds of liver-related diseases. His knowledge and accomplishments in the field of Gastroenterology has been phenomenal and he has attended many seminars and conferences. Dr Kumar has many publications to his credit and is also esteemed member of various medical organisations. As a committed doctor, he has trained many aspiring gastroenterologists



health?

This is difficult question to answer as if you have to choose between devil and the deep sea.

If viral diseases are causing hepatitis, they take something like 5-10 years to progress to liver cirrhosis but the problem is no one can date the occurrence of infection. However now effective treatment is available for both Hepatitis B & C. Also, vaccination is available for prevention of Hepatitis B. Further screening is a must in blood banks now, which would decrease the incidence in days to come.

Regarding fatty liver, it is a life style disease which is caused due to metabolic disease or alcohol. Both the causes can lead to cirrhosis. Unfortunately, alcoholics are very difficult to reform and one needs discipline in food and change in lifestyle which again requires lot of commitment to alter the progressive course of the disease. A lot of family support is required to get rid of alco-

hol addiction. In a way, both are dangerous and we are moving from an era of virus associated hepatitis to that of alcoholic hepatitis and NASH. Hardly any proven drug is available at present to treat fatty liver or NASH; however, lot of researches are underway.

What leads any kind of liver disease in a person?

As mentioned earlier, liver disease can occur either due to infections by Hepatitis causing viruses, of which A & E are common ones. These happen due to poor hygienic conditions, poor water supply, water getting contaminated by faeces. Hepatitis B & C are caused due to unsafe transfusions, sharing of needles, blades, toothbrushes, improper sterilisation of surgical instruments; fashion of tattooing and drug abuse are the other common modes of transmission. Regular and excessive drinking, beyond the

IF ONE WANTS TO LEAD A LIFE WITHOUT LIVER PROBLEMS, THEN HE/SHE SHOULD MAINTAIN HYGIENE, GET VACCINATED FOR HEPATITIS A & B. ALCOHOL INTAKE SHOULD BE LIMITED

safe limits, has become the most common cause of liver disease and has overtaken viral diseases, especially in the urban areas. Obesity and diabetes, which are metabolic diseases, are important causes in today's world and are appearing to become the most common diseases affecting human liver.

Please explain cirrhosis of liver? How can it be diagnosed?

Cirrhosis is the last stage of scarring (fibrosis) of the liver, which can be caused by many forms of liver diseases and conditions, such as hepatitis and alcoholism and NASH. This occurs because of inflammation and killing of liver cells, upon repair of which scar tissue is formed. It is like the scar tissue which we see after injury in any part of the body. This scar tissue in liver keeps on replacing the functioning cells and ultimately leads to what we call as decompensated liver disease. At this stage patient becomes jaundiced, develops swelling of feet, accumulates fluid in abdomen (ascites). Patients with advanced disease can develop vomiting of blood and they may develop confusion or coma. These are clinical pointers to the diagnosis.

A number of investigations can detect cirrhosis of liver, even when one is not decompensated. These are routine hemogram where total leucocyte count and platelets may be low. Liver function tests show derangement. An ultrasound or CT scan for the liver are diagnostic. Now we have a new diagnostic modality FIBROSCAN of liver, which can pick up the liver disease in fibrosis stage as well.

What kind of lifestyle a person with liver disease should lead, both in terms of diet and exercise?

Lifestyle changes require good personal hygiene, which include simple steps like washing hands properly. Fruits and vegetables should also be cleaned properly if they are consumed raw. Good potable water is essential.

Avoidance of alcohol is a must. Though it is difficult to define a safe limit for alcohol, it should not be more than 14 units a week which should be spread over three or more days. It has been defined by British society. However, there is no safe limit.

Strict control of diabetes is necessary which requires both dietary changes and avoidance of sugar. Obesity has to be kept in check by regular exercises and consumption of less sugar and fat. Red meat should be avoided. Certain foods, like walnuts, leafy vegetables, fish, pulses, whole grains and fruits are important in the diet; use vegetable oils. Diet should contain more protein and less carbohydrate and fat. In patients with non-NASH related liver disease, the intake of fat should be normal. Regular exercise and physical activity are must, at least a total of three hours a week. Exercise alone in NASH or fatty liver disease can lead to improvement, where drug development is still underway.

What steps should be taken to create awareness among people?

Organising camps or once in a while media projection or observing hepatitis day once a year is never going to suffice. There has to be a process continuum like organisation of camps for vaccination and religious bodies, celebrities and media need to contribute. Hospitals can distribute handouts, put posters at prominent places. Government will do its bit but we as a society have to come out and contribute.

Your message to the readers for a healthy liver

If one wants to lead a healthy life without a liver problem, then he/she should observe proper hygiene, get vaccinated for Hepatitis A & B (these vaccinations are available). Alcohol intake should be limited to social drinking. It should never be made a regular habit. However, one must remember, there is no safe limit for alcohol consumption. Consumption of fruits, vegetables, pulses, whole grains, walnuts and avoiding the intake of sugar, fried and junk foods, red meat is required.

An active lifestyle with regular exercise will go a long way in keeping not only a control on obesity and diabetes, but also an overall healthy body and liver. Get routine check-ups, including liver function tests and sugars, especially after the age of 40.

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Primary functions of the liver

Liver is a metabolically active organ responsible for many vital life functions. The primary functions of the liver are:

- Bile production and excretion
- Excretion of bilirubin, cholesterol, hormones, and drugs
- Metabolism of fats, proteins and carbohydrates
- Enzyme activation
- Storage of glycogen, vitamins and minerals
- Synthesis of plasma proteins such as albumin and clotting factors
- Blood detoxification and purification

Ways to a healthy liver

- Maintain a healthy weight
- Eat a balanced diet
- Exercise regularly
- Avoid toxins
- Use alcohol responsibly
- Avoid the use of illicit drugs
- Avoid contaminated needles
- Get medical care if you are exposed to blood
- Don't share personal hygiene items
- Practise safe sex
- Wash your hands
- Follow directions on all medications
- Get vaccinated

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World Hepatitis Day

All we need to know about Hepatitis

Can you please elaborate on Hepatitis?

Liver per se is known as hepatic (Latin origin) in medical language. Hepatitis is inflammation of the liver, which can be caused due to various factors. Hepatitis viruses are the most common cause of hepatitis in the world but other infections, toxic substances (e.g. alcohol, certain drugs), certain medicines, antibiotics and autoimmune diseases can also cause hepatitis. The condition can be self-limiting or can progress to fibrosis (scarring), cirrhosis or liver cancer.

Now, when we say viral hepatitis, we specifically talk about certain hepatotropic viruses, which have special predilection to attack liver. There are five main hepatitis viruses, referred to as types A, B, C, D and E. There are various other viruses which cause damage to the liver and one of such is dengue virus. But these viruses are not put under the same category of Hepatitis.

What are the different hepatitis viruses?

The main hepatitis viruses are classified into two groups:

■ Water-borne viruses (Virus A and Virus E)—transmitted to human body through contaminated water.

Hepatitis A Virus (HAV) and Hepatitis E Virus (HEV) usually cause acute viral hepatitis—the classical story of vomit, nausea, fever and jaundice. About 99 per cent of the affected people recover on their own, without leaving any residual damage; only one percent of the patients develop severe disease like acute liver failure, which might require liver transplantation for recovery.

HAV in our country usually infects the pediatric age group and is safe. It rather takes longer time to recover when occurs in adult age group. On the other hand, HEV usually occurs in adults. This virus becomes life threatening when it in-

HEPATITIS VIRUSES ARE THE MOST COMMON CAUSE OF HEPATITIS. BUT OTHER INFECTIONS, TOXIC SUBSTANCES, MEDICINES AND AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES CAN ALSO CAUSE HEPATITIS

fects pregnant women. HAV has specific kind of vaccination (not recommended in National Immunization Programme, an elective vaccination), but HEV doesn't have one. To sum it all, the best way to control HAV and HEV is to provide clean water. Here lies the importance of Swajal scheme, which was launched by Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, to provide clean drinking water to the people of this nation.

■ Parenterally transmitted viruses (Virus B and Virus C)—viruses which transmit exactly the same way like HIV virus

Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) and Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) are responsible for chronic liver disease, fibrosis, cirrhosis and liver cancer. HBV is transmitted through exposure to infective blood, semen and other body fluids. HBV can be transmitted from infected mothers to infants at the time of birth or from family member to infant in early childhood. Transmission may also occur through transfusions of HBV-contaminated blood and blood products, contaminated injections during medical procedures, and through injection drug use. HBV also poses a risk to healthcare workers who sustain accidental needle stick injuries while caring for infected-HBV patients. Safe and effective vaccines, under National Immunization Programme, are available to prevent HBV.

Hepatitis C virus (HCV) is mostly transmitted through exposure to infective blood. This may happen through transfusions of HCV-contaminated blood and blood products, contaminated injections during medical procedures, and through injection drug use. Sexual transmission is also possible, but is much less common. There is no vaccine for HCV.

Majority of HCV, when enters human body, remain in blood chronically and cause liver injury. While HBV, if enters body in neonatal period, is likely to stay in body. On the other hand, if it infects an adult person, in most of the cases, it is cleared; in few, it remains chronic.

■ Hepatitis D Virus (HDV) infections occur only in those who are infected with HBV. The dual infection of HDV and HBV can result in a more serious disease and worse outcome. Hepatitis B vaccines provide protection from HDV infection. HDV doesn't occur in India. People from USSR mostly get infected by HDV.

Everyone must remember, to control the attack of hepatitis viruses, it is very important to know how they are transmitted.

It is said India is among the global hotspots for Hepatitis E. What is your view?



Worldwide, 300 million people are living with viral hepatitis unaware. According to a report by the World Health Organization, the disease causes 1.34 million deaths per year. The number is comparable to HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria. Without finding the undiagnosed and linking them to care, millions will continue to suffer, and lives will be lost. Hence, to know about the Hepatitis virus in the Indian scenario and create awareness among people, this World Hepatitis Day **Somdatta Saha** reached out to **Dr Ajay Kumar**, Chairman and HOD in Institute for Digestive and Liver Diseases at BLK Super Specialty Hospital, New Delhi and National President of Indian society of Gastroenterology, who shared his views on the viral disease. Here is an excerpt from the interview:

I will not term India as a hotspot for HEV, but yes, this virus was discovered in India. The root cause for almost all the epidemics due to jaundice is HEV. It was first tracked down in Srinagar. Later on, an investigation concluded that the 1956 jaundice epidemic in Delhi was due to Hepatitis E virus. Unfortunately, during that period of time no one was aware of the existence of this virus. Hepatitis E epidemic are particularly deadly for pregnant women and generally occur after heavy rains and floods or after months-long droughts.

Can transmission of HBV and HCV be prevented, especially from a mother to the child?

Transmission might not be controlled, but there are very effective treatments for HBV and

HCV. For HCV, there is a 12-week treatment with a combination of two drugs and oral tablets. With these the virus can be cleared very easily. HBV, on the other hand, has proper vaccinations. There are three injections, and the first one is given to a child during its birth. There is also a medicine called Hepatitis B immune globulin which is given to the baby to neutralise the virus that comes from the mother.

The concern lies in the fact whether a conceiving mother with the disease can be treated or not. If the disease is active, there are chances of being unable to conceive. But if it is a silent disease, then the mother can always be treated post the delivery.

Trivia: Most of the children are not infected at the time of birth, rather are infected in the first

four weeks because of the close contact of the mother with the baby.

What is the prevalence of HBV and HCV in India?

About 3 to 3.5 percent people in India are infected with HBV and 1.3 percent with HCV. But these viruses are not equally distributed in every part of the country. The prevalence of these viruses varies from state to state. Assam and Madhya Pradesh are dominated by HBV; on the other hand Punjab, Haryana and Western Uttar Pradesh have highest cases of HCV infected patients. Unfortunately, the reason for such prevalence is still unknown.

When does a person need to consult

a doctor?

Unfortunately, other than those who have active disease (jaundice, liver cirrhosis etc), the most common symptom for Hepatitis is no symptom. Hence regular screening is a must. If the disease is diagnosed at an early stage, then proper treatment and cure is possible. In today's time, due to various corporate health-checkup schemes and ante-natal checkups, the screening and diagnosis of Hepatitis has become more regular. There have been various advancements in the treatment of Hepatitis, but prevention is better than cure; and we have already discussed the preventive measures to control Hepatitis.

Can you elaborate on the initiatives taken by the government to control Hepatitis viruses?

The National Viral Hepatitis Control Programme was launched by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, on the occasion of the World Hepatitis Day last year. It is an integrated initiative for the prevention and control of viral hepatitis in India to achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3.3, which aims to eradicate viral hepatitis by 2030, especially HCV. Under this program, the Government is providing free check-up and medicines to the hepatitis virus infected people of the country.

Punjab is a state which has a huge number of HCV infected patients. Till five years back, the treatment for HCV was toxic, expensive and effective only in about 30 to 40 percent patients; others did not respond to the treatment. The new drugs which came to the market in the recent past have not only been successful on 90-95 percent patients but also have been cost-effective too. The drugs that are available in the international market cost around one crore INR per treatment; on the other hand, the drugs which

THE NATIONAL VIRAL HEPATITIS CONTROL PROGRAMME, AN INITIATIVE FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF HEPATITIS IN INDIA, AIMS TO ERADICATE VIRAL HEPATITIS BY 2030

are manufactured in the Indian market cost Rs 30,000 per treatment (it is a 12-week treatment with one tablet per day). This is where we should applaud the Indian pharmaceutical companies for this achievement.

One of the objectives of the WHO behind marking World Hepatitis Day every year is urging national and regional policymakers to increase political and financial commitments for Hepatitis response. What has been the scenario with India?

The problem is so deep-rooted that whatever you do will be less. We know HBV, HCV and HIV are transmitted to human body in the same manner. We became proactive in both government and public level to control HIV, but Hepatitis viruses were never taken care of. It became so because HIV was a Westernised problem and global organizations funded for creating awareness against HIV. Amidst all these, we forgot that creating awareness against Hepatitis viruses was even more important in the Indian scenario. So awareness and more resources to fight HIV is the need of the hour; sensitisation is required.

Can you please elaborate on the treatment facilities at BLK Super Speciality Hospital for patients infected with Hepatitis viruses?

When we talk about the complications related to Hepatitis viruses like fibrosis, cirrhosis or liver cancer, BLK Hospital has every facility to treat those patients. We have well equipped liver ICU and facilities for liver transplantation, liver surgeries to remove tumour, specialised treatments for liver cancer like RFA, TACE etc. We have every kind of treatment under the roof of Institute for Digestive and Liver Diseases at BLK Super Speciality Hospital. But yes, I feel as public servants, our effort should be to prevent people from reaching that stage and it is possible only by creating awareness.

Message to the readers

Liver is an important part of our body, so please take care of it. Following a good lifestyle is a must. Have clean water, healthy food and avoid alcohol. We live in a society of gym culture today where people take steroids and supplements (not whey protein) to build their body. But they have least idea that these supplements lead to diseases like jaundice and hepatitis. Exercise and taking high protein is good for health, but consumption of supplements and steroids should be stopped. Live a happy life with healthy liver.



To save liver

Do's	Say no to
Clean water/food	Alcohol
Hand wash	Unprotected sex
Safe blood	Eating uncovered street food
Safe sex	Anabolic steroids
Safe disposables	Unsafe needle puncture (injections, tattoos etc)
Vaccination for Hepatitis A, B	

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RATE CHANGE EFFECTIVE FROM AUGUST 1

Boost for EVs: GST Council trims tax on electric cars, chargers to 5%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JULY 27

THE 36TH Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council meeting Saturday approved reduction in GST rate for all electric vehicles to 5 per cent from 12 per cent and for chargers or charging stations for electric vehicles to 5 per cent from 18 per cent along with exempting hiring of electric buses (of carrying capacity of more than 12 passengers) by local authorities.

The changes would be effective from August 1. The reduced GST rates for electric vehicles (EVs) are estimated to lead to an annual revenue loss of around Rs 60 crore, officials said.

Opposition-led states such as Punjab, West Bengal and Delhi raised concerns against the decision to cut GST rate for electric vehicles in the Council meeting, officials said. While West Bengal is learnt to have questioned the hurried nature of the Council meeting to decide on this single item agenda, Punjab and Delhi flagged the impact of these rate cuts on the revenue position of states.

These states were of the view that states which are already in revenue deficit would find it difficult to cope with the latest round

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of rate cuts, given that slashing of GST rate for electric vehicles apart from the estimated revenue loss is likely to also result in lower automobile sales from petrol and diesel segments, which in turn, will dent the states' VAT earnings from the sale of petrol and diesel.

Punjab's Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal said his state being a revenue deficit state is concerned about the impact of the rate cut for electric vehicles on his state's revenues. Also, the nature of hurried decision of GST Council is questionable given that there was no such urgency to cut rates for EVs when other items such as jams, pickles and bottled water continue to be taxed at a higher rate of 12 per cent. "The rate cut for electric vehicles will result in revenue loss to states and

Punjab being a revenue deficit state is concerned. I am not sure the extent to which the automobile industry was engaged with for taking this decision since it will have an impact on the non-EV (petrol and diesel) segment of automobiles. You do not tax similar goods (comparing petrol, diesel automobiles and EVs) in different tax brackets. Even jams, pickles, bottled water are in a higher tax slab of 12 per cent," Badal told *The Indian Express*.

Badal said, "There was no concrete reason for a hurried meeting through videoconferencing to decide on electric vehicles when the Council has not discussed more important issues of revenue management, arrears, compensation from the last four months. Every decision is being taken for optics.

I am worried how the GST Council agenda is getting decided."

The council also decided to extend the last date for enrolling under new composition scheme for service provider. "Last date for filing of intimation, in FORM GST CMP-02, for availing the option of payment of tax under notification No. 2/2019-Central Tax (Rate) dated 07.03.2019 (by exclusive supplier of services), to be extended from 31.07.2019 to 30.09.2019," a statement said.

In the Union Budget for 2019-20, the Centre had announced incentives for EVs: an income tax deduction of Rs 1.5 lakh on interest paid on loans taken to purchase EVs, and customs duty exemptions on imports of specific components. At present, India is only playing catch-up in the global push for EVs. While global sales of passenger EVs crossed 4 million this month, just about 2,000 EVs were sold in India last year.

The Central government has set a target of 30 per cent vehicles becoming EVs by 2030. Industry and tax experts welcomed the incentives for electric vehicles but some also flagged concerns of the impact of tax cut for EVs on other segments of the auto industry. Waman Parkhi, partner, Indirect Tax, KPMG in India said, "The re-

duction in the GST rates for EVs and its infrastructure are in line with the government's policy to incentivise EVs. The government aims to have public transport and two wheelers converted to EVs by 2025 in order to achieve its objectives of cleaner and greener India. However, it should be noted that various state governments have given tax incentives over the last few years to automobile and component manufacturers bringing in huge investments in the conventional petrol and diesel run vehicles in India. Whether pushing for speedy EV revolution would adversely impact such investments needs to be studied by the government."

Rahil Ansari, head, Audi India said, "The lowering of the GST rate on EVs from 12 per cent to 5 per cent is definitely going to give a boost to EVs in India and we are confident that it will motivate customers looking for both entry-level EVs as well as luxury EVs that will enter the market...while these are great steps for the future, short-term measures supporting the overall industry, also the luxury segment, are required by the government. All players are struggling with declining sales which in turn is leading to production cuts and may lead to job losses, too."

ICICI Bank posts Q1 profit at ₹1,908 crore; NPAs, provisions fall

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JULY 27

AIDED BY a decline in bad loans and provisions, ICICI Bank on Saturday reported a standalone net profit of Rs 1,908 crore for the first quarter ended June 2019 as against a net loss of Rs 120 crore in the same quarter a year ago.

Gross non-performing assets (NPAs) declined to Rs 45,763 crore (6.49 per cent of advances) in the June 2019 quarter as against Rs 46,291 crore in the March 2019 quarter and Rs 53,464 crore (8.81 per cent) in the June 2018 quarter. The bank said.

Total income on standalone basis in the reported quarter rose to Rs 21,405.50 crore from Rs 18,574.17 crore a year earlier, the private-sector bank said in a regulatory filing.

On a consolidated basis, the bank's net profit for the April-June period stood at Rs 2,513.69 crore as against Rs 5 crore in the corresponding quarter of 2018. The bank's income (consolidated) rose to Rs 33,868.89 crore in the latest quarter from Rs 27,174.12 crore in April-June 2018.

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provement in asset quality as gross non-performing assets (NPAs) fell to 6.49 per cent of the gross advances by the end of June 2019, from 8.81 per cent a year ago. Net NPAs were 1.77 per cent, down from 4.19 per cent a year ago.

The provisioning for bad loans and contingencies fell to Rs 3,495.73 crore for April-June 2019 as against Rs 5,971.29 crore a year earlier.

"Gross NPA additions in Q1 of 2020 were Rs 2,779 crore compared to Rs 3,547 crore in the quarter ended March 2019 (Q4-2019)," it said.

The gross additions to NPA were Rs 2,779 crore in Q1 of 2020 compared to Rs 4,036 crore in Q1-2019 and Rs 3,547 crore in Q4-2019. Recoveries

and upgrades of non-performing loans were 931 crore in Q1-2020. As on June 30, 2019, the fund-based and non-fund based outstanding to borrowers rated BB and below (excluding nonperforming assets) was Rs 15,355 crore compared to Rs 24,629 crore in June 2018.

According to the bank, the year-on-year growth in domestic advances was 18 per cent as of June 2019.

"The bank has continued to leverage its strong retail franchise, resulting in a 22 per cent year-on-year growth in the retail loan portfolio as of June 2019. Excluding non-performing and restructured loans, the growth in domestic corporate loans was about 13 per cent year-on-year.

BRIEFLY

Novartis CEO pledges not to sell generics unit

Zurich: Novartis Chief Executive Vas Narasimhan pledged in an interview published on Saturday not to sell the Swiss drugmaker's generics unit Sandoz amid a revamp that has prompted speculation he is preparing to offload the business. "No, we will not sell Sandoz," Narasimhan told the *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* newspaper. "We will make Sandoz autonomous within Novartis, so it's more competitive. Our plan is to focus Sandoz and make it better in the long-term." **REUTERS**

Alkem Lab founder passes away

New Delhi: Drug firm Alkem Laboratories on Saturday said its Founder and Chairman Emeritus Samprada Singh has passed away. **PTI**

LSE in talks to buy Refinitiv for \$27 billion

New York/London: London Stock Exchange Group Plc said on Friday it was in discussions to acquire financial data analytics provider Refinitiv Holdings Ltd for \$27 billion, including debt. The deal would come less than a year after Blackstone Group Inc acquired a majority stake in Refinitiv. **REUTERS**

Prasad to telecom CEOs: There should be fair competition, will not encourage monopoly

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NEW DELHI, JULY 27

TELECOM OPERATORS on Saturday urged telecom and IT minister Ravi Shankar Prasad to rationalise various kinds of levies on the sector.

On his part, Prasad, while informing them that he's already seized of the matter and has formed a committee under the department of telecommunications secretary to look into the matter, asking them to improve quality of services. He said there should be fair competition and nobody should have a monopoly.

"I highlighted to them, the need for a robust involvement of the industry in 5G innovation, startups and creation of 5G products that can create India specific patents,"

RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD
TELECOM MINISTER

Prasad, who met the CEOs of various telecom companies, also asked them to have a robust involvement in 5G and the making of a \$5-trillion economy.

He said he has already written to the finance ministry regarding reduction in GST rates for telecom sector to 12 per cent from the current 18 per cent and also about input tax credit. A DoI committee is already working on a proposal to

reduce the licence fee by 2 percentage points. "I have assured them three things. We want a fair competition. The government will not encourage any monopoly and will do its best for ease of doing business," Prasad said.

The meeting was attended by Bharti Airtel CEO Gopal Vittal, Vodafone Idea CEO Balesh Sharma, Mahendra Nahata, board member of Reliance Jio and BSNL

chairman PK Purwar. The operators also raised the issue of reserve prices of the proposed auction, terming them as too high.

But Prasad refused to comment, as there is already a system in place. A standing committee is looking into the issue after Trai refused to reduce the prices. The minister said telecom operators have agreed to participate in the auction. "I highlighted to them the need for a robust involvement in 5G innovation, start-ups and creation of 5G products that can create India-specific patents. I said that in the \$5-trillion economy target, 25 per cent should be telecom's contribution," he said. **FE**

'Despite slowdown, realty sector gets \$2.7 bn fund inflows'

Despite the continuing slowdown in the real estate sector driven mainly by various regulatory changes, the industry saw amongst \$2.7 billion flowing into the market in the first half of 2019, as per a report by Vestian-Ficci

Investment momentum: The momentum of investment in the realty sector between 2015 and 2018 continued in the first half of 2019, with nearly \$2.7 billion flowing in

\$25.7 bn: Fund inflows stood touched \$25.7

billion between 2015 and 2018

Way forward: Improvement in infrastructure, roads, and the metro networks coupled with the increased speed of technology implementation can further boost investor

interest, the report said

Highest amount: With 50 per cent of total investments, commercial assets has seen highest amount of investments. The investment value in the segment was recorded at \$14.2 billion during 2015-18, depicting several large-scale deals.

Industrial assets: Commercial assets was followed by warehousing and logistics sector. Despite occupying the least share, investment into industrial assets, mainly comprising warehousing and logistics sector, has observed considerable interest in 2018 and 2019

INSTITUTIONAL INVESTMENT

One of the major trends observed in the last decade has been the rise in institutional investment in real estate, particularly PE investments that has been a key factor in keeping the market confident about its revival

80%:

Nearly 80 percent of institutional investments are accounted for by PE investors



THE BOEING PLANE REMAINS GROUNDED FOLLOWING TWO DEADLY CRASHES

Roots of 737 MAX crisis: A regulator relaxes its oversight

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SEATTLE, JULY 27

IN THE days after the first crash of Boeing's 737 MAX, engineers at the Federal Aviation Administration came to a troubling realization: They didn't fully understand the automated system that helped send the plane into a nose-dive, killing everyone on board.

Engineers at the agency scoured their files for information about the system designed to help avoid stalls. They didn't find much. Regulators had never independently assessed the risks of the dangerous software

known as MCAS when they approved the plane in 2017.

More than a dozen current and former employees at the FAA and Boeing who spoke with *The New York Times* described a broken regulatory process that effectively neutered the oversight authority of the agency.

The regulator had been passing off routine tasks to manufacturers for years, with the goal of freeing up specialists to focus on the most important safety concerns. But on the MAX, the regulator handed nearly complete control to Boeing, leaving some key agency officials in the dark about important systems like MCAS, according to the current and former employees.

While the agency's flawed

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BOEING

oversight of the Boeing 737 MAX has attracted much scrutiny since the first crash in October and a second one in March, a *Times* investigation revealed previously unreported details about weaknesses in the regulatory process that compromised the safety of the plane.

The company performed its own assessments of the system, which were not stress-tested by the regulator. Turnover at the agency left two relatively inexperienced engineers overseeing Boeing's early work on the system.

The FAA eventually handed over responsibility for approval of MCAS to the manufacturer. After that, Boeing didn't have to share the details of the system with the two agency engineers. They weren't aware of its intricacies, according to two people with knowledge of the matter.

Late in the development of the MAX, Boeing decided to expand the use of MCAS, to ensure the plane flew smoothly. The new, riskier version relied on a single sensor and could push down the nose of the plane by a

much larger amount. Boeing did not submit a formal review of MCAS after the overhaul. It wasn't required by FAA rules. An engineering test pilot at the regulator knew about the changes, according to an agency official. But his job was to evaluate the way the plane flew, not to determine the safety of the system.

The agency ultimately certified the jet as safe, required little training for pilots and allowed the plane to keep flying until a second deadly MAX crash, less than five months after the first.

The plane remains grounded as regulators await a fix from Boeing. If the ban persists much longer, Boeing said this past week that it could be forced to halt production.

The FAA and Boeing have defended the plane's certification, saying they followed proper procedures and adhered to the highest standards. "The agency's certification processes are well-established and have consistently produced safe aircraft designs," the regulator said in a statement Friday. "The 737 MAX certification program involved 110,000 hours of work on the part of FAA personnel, including flying or supporting 297 test flights."

Boeing said "the FAA's rigor and regulatory leadership has driven ever-increasing levels of safety over the decades," adding that "the 737 MAX met the FAA's stringent standards and requirements as it was certified through the FAA's processes." **NYT**

China trying to delay trade deal till US presidential poll: Trump

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WASHINGTON, JULY 27

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump alleged on Friday that China was trying to delay the trade deal till the next presidential polls hoping that he would not be re-elected and that it would be easier for them to deal with the Democrats.

"I think China will probably say let's wait. It's 14, 15 months until the election. Let's see if one of these people that give the United States away, let's see if one of them could possibly get elected," Trump told reporters, responding to a question on status of trade negotiations with China. US Trade Representative

Robert Lighthizer and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin are headed to Shanghai next week for resumption of trade talks.

"I'll tell you what, when I win, like almost immediately they're all going to sign deals. They're going to be phenomenal deals for the country," Trump said.

He added that it was up to the Chinese to make the deal, as he was okay even without it, because this was bringing in "billions and billions" of dollars from China and had an adverse impact on their economy. "I don't know if they're going to make a deal. Maybe they will, maybe they won't. I don't care, because we're taking in tens of billions of dollars worth of tariffs," Trump said. **PTI**

EXPLAINED E. Move to prevent misuse of info

THE MOVE comes as documents pertaining to vehicles under total loss (TL) claim are being misused like giving new identity to stolen vehicles by forging engine number and chassis number of such destroyed vehicles, IRDAI said it has been informed by the law enforcement authorities

Under a motor insurance policy, there are two major components: Third-party insurance and Own Damage Insurance.

As per The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, it is mandatory to insure vehicles with at least third party insurance cover. OD covers loss or damage to the vehicle insured due to accident including fire and theft. Third party covers any damage or injury caused by the insured, to another person or property.

Last month, IRDAI had asked general insurers to make available stand-alone annual Own Damage (OD) covers (including stand-alone OD cover for fire or theft if opted for by the policyholder) for cars and two-wheelers. The new regulation will be applicable for both new and old vehicles.

India's deflating football

In the last decade, more clubs have either shut shop or scaled down their operations than those who have entered – or stayed in – the top division, writes MIHIR VASAVDA

I-League's battle to stay relevant is ironic because it has never been more spread out than it is now

It is tough to overlook the federation's fault. They have failed to create an ecosystem

Last week, six I-League sides wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and FIFA president Gianni Infantino, seeking their help in the clubs' 'fight for survival.' They weren't indulging in mindless hyperbole. Their future is, in fact, that precarious.

In the last decade, more clubs have either shut shop or scaled down their operations than those who have entered, or stayed in, the top division. Thirty clubs have competed in the I-League since its inception. Of them, 20 have either pulled down the shutters or reduced their operations to an extent that they've stopped being relevant. And the fate of the 10 'remainers' is unknown, especially after the AIFF decided to make Indian Super League (ISL) the country's premier domestic competition.

Here's the mess in a nutshell: The AIFF rebranded the National Football League in 2007, jazzed it up a bit and re-launched it as I-League, hoping that it would lift its sagging fortunes. In 2010, AIFF signed a 15-year deal with IMG-Reliance worth Rs 700 crore. But in bargain, they gave IMG-R the right to either rebrand the I-League or start a

new league altogether. Claiming that it was tough to repack I-League, IMG-R chose the latter option and thus the ISL was born in 2014. As per the agreement with AIFF, ISL will now become the premier league without promotion and relegation, while I-League will become second division. I-League clubs claim they were kept in dark about this deal between AIFF and their commercial partners and hence are protesting the proposed 'takeover.'

And their battle to stay relevant is ironic because I-League has never been more spread out than it is at the moment. In its early years, the league was primarily restricted to just three cities/states: Kolkata, Goa, Mumbai. Today, it has spread to various corners – from Kashmir to Kerala to Mizoram, promoting local talent in each of these places. But it is also true that in its traditional hubs like Maharashtra and Goa, club football is on a life support at the moment.

The reasons for this are many. AFC's stringent club licensing criteria forced several teams out of the top division. Miffed, some of them decided to withdraw from the national scene altogether. It can also be ar-

gued that the clubs have brought this upon themselves – had they done their bit professionally from the beginning, you wouldn't need ISL and perhaps, we would've all have been spared of this saga.

But most of all, it is tough to overlook the federation's fault. They have failed to create an ecosystem in which clubs can thrive. You can call it I-League or ISL; you can have a closed league with 10 teams or one with promotion and relegation that has 20 teams. But the hurdles will remain the same and the future will continue to be bleak. We've seen it with the erstwhile National Football League, which gave way for I-League after existing for a decade. And we are witnessing it again, as I-League makes way for ISL. Some of the ISL clubs are already feeling the heat, with multiple change in ownerships and reports of Pune City shutting shop and Delhi Dynamos moving to a new home.

Interventions from FIFA or PMO might draw attention on the plight of the clubs across the country. But it will do little in changing the scenario at ground level. It is ultimately for the AIFF to get its house in order.

MAPPING THE SHRINKING LEAGUE

As the dispute over who gets to be the country's premier league – I-League or ISL – rages on, the sport continues to bleed in its traditional hubs and his confined to just a few pockets. The responsibility for that lies on the federation

Surviving Struggling to survive Dead

SRINAGAR

Real Kashmir

Whether by default or design, I-League has grown organically in the last five-six years, reaching places where it never has before. Kashmir is one such destination. Despite producing a couple of players of decent repute, the state remained absent from the collective conscience of Indian football. That changed when Real Kashmir made their top-flight debut last season. The club challenged for the title till the very end. That they did it with a bunch of local players shows the impact a team can have on the region while playing in the top division. Yet, the club is scrambling to generate funds to meet the increasing wage bills and organisational expenses for the upcoming season.

LUDHIANA

JCT Minerva Punjab

The only state in North India to have some kind of football culture, Punjab's contribution to Indian football is often very understated. Perhaps because apart from JCT, one of India's finest clubs, there were few who took the sport seriously. After they shut shop in 2011 citing lack of popularity as a reason, club football drifted into oblivion in the region. JCT's void was filled years later by Minerva Punjab. Both teams made Ludhiana their base (Minerva later played in Panchkula) but matches were often played in front of empty stands. Minerva won the league last year. But now, the owners are reportedly planning to sell a part of the club to raise funds and keep it afloat.

MUMBAI

Mahindra United Mumbai FC Air India ONGC Mumbai City FC

It's here that the first telltale signs of trouble in domestic football emerged a decade ago when Mahindra United decided to pull the plug for not getting a desirable return on investment. Their departure had a domino effect. Mumbai FC were next to scrap their team while Air India and ONGC too became defunct after not being able to comply with club licensing criteria. Within five years, Mumbai went from being home to four top division clubs in I-League to having none. Mumbai City, who competes in ISL, too are struggling to generate buzz.

PUNE

Pune FC Bharat FC DSK Shivajians Pune City

Unlike the clubs from Mumbai – who did little to market themselves – Pune FC were among the first to bring a semblance of professionalism in Indian club football. From having a proper youth system – India is still benefiting from it – to a web channel and merchandising, Pune were trendsetters in a lot of things. But the city never really warmed up to the club despite the team constantly punching above its weight. Pune FC's growth stagnated and the owners eventually ran out of patience before deciding to shut shop. The other I-League teams from here – Bharat FC and DSK Shivajians – have met the same fate while ISL side Pune City, too, are on the verge of relocating to Hyderabad, according to several reports.

GOA

Dempo Salgaocar Sporting Clube de Goa Vasco Churchill Brothers FC Goa

While the locals completely cold-shouldered successful I-League clubs, they've welcomed ISL side FC Goa with open arms – so much so that fans slept outside the stadium to be first in the queue when match tickets went on sale. FC Goa continues to do well as the rest of Goa struggles. The mining ban from 2013 to 2016 severely dented the finances of most clubs. Ultimately, all these clubs withdrew from the I-League – except Churchill – and drastically scaled down their operations. They, though, blamed AIFF's 'lack of vision' for this.

BENGALURU

HAL Bengaluru FC

Bangalore never really warmed up to HAL, who made just one appearance in the league in 2011-12. After JSW won the bid to field a team from Bangalore, the landscape changed. They've set the bar so high that few teams are able to match them in terms of professionalism as well as results. Bengaluru have now moved to ISL, realising I-League's bleak future. But even the country's best-run club isn't without problems – they are currently in the middle of a complicated battle with the state government over their ground. With no immediate resolution in sight, it remains to be seen if they too are forced to look for a new home.

KOZHIKODE

Viva Kerala Gokulam Kerala Kerala Blasters

Despite Kerala's infinite appetite for football, the state has never had a stable representation in the country's top tier. Viva Kerala came, got relegated, resurfaced with a new name (Chirag United Club Kerala) and disappeared forever without anyone actually noticing them. Gokulam Kerala made their debut in the 2017-18 season and are still around. But their impact, at least in terms of football at the stadium, isn't half as much as Kerala Blasters, the ISL side that used to attract more than 60,000 fans per match until the season before last.

CHENNAI/COIMBATORE

Chennai City Chennaiyin

Another club that took the corporate entry route to the I-League, the reigning champions are only the second club from the state to play in the top division (Indian Bank competed in the National Football League). They made I-League debut in 2017, made Coimbatore their home instead of Chennai and have gradually progressed since then. Chennai won the league last season and also attracted investment from Swiss club FC Basel. Chennaiyin, too, have been growing steadily and won the ISL last year. The two teams have done well to revive football in the state.

30

Number of clubs that have competed in the I-League since it began in 2007

20

Number of clubs that have either shut shop or scaled down their operations in the last 10 years, including several former champions

KOLKATA

Mohun Bagan East Bengal Mohd Sporting United SC Pailan Arrows ATK

The fabled maidans replete with stories of mismanagement and arbitrariness. The Saradha chit fund scam, along with financial troubles of other sponsors, left most of the clubs cash-strapped as they could not develop a self-sustaining revenue model despite existing for 100 years and having millions of supporters. The fact that the AIFF and its partners haven't figured out a way to include the country's two biggest teams, Mohun Bagan and East Bengal, in the proposed premier division sums up the entire mess Indian football finds itself in.

HEARTLAND

In two decades of organised club football, there has been no representation from some of the most populous regions, including Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh. The fact that Delhi or Hyderabad, despite its rich football culture, has not had its own team in the NFL or I-League speaks volumes of lack of proper structure in this region, which has stunted the sport's growth. With the ISL, there has been an attempt to penetrate into some of these regions. But in Delhi, Dynamos have struggled to create a following and are considering to move out. Jamshedpur, home of one of India's biggest football nurseries, got its first league team a couple of years ago and they seem to have attracted some followers. But the majority of the region is still going unrepresented.

SIKKIM

United Sikkim

Co-owned by former India captain Baichung Bhutia, United Sikkim provided a platform to the players from the region to compete at the highest level. Within a short period, they won the second division and qualified for I-League. However, citing the league's dim future, the club slashed its operations and competed only in the local league to save costs.

MEGHALAYA

Shillong Lajong Royal Wahingdoh Rangdajied United

Meghalaya was one of the first success stories to emerge out of North East when Shillong Lajong qualified for the I-League. But the state was also among the first to face the brunt of, what the club called, AIFF's poor planning. Royal Wahingdoh's owners were quick to realise that ISL would take over as India's top league and pulled out of I-League in 2015-16. Rangdajied, who played in the 2013-14 I-League, were expelled by the AIFF for not adhering to the licensing criteria. Shillong Lajong, one of the strongest and stable clubs to emerge from the region, are focussing only on the youth players after realising that I-League clubs have no place in the top division, if the AIFF and their commercial partners have their way.

IMPHAL

Neroca FC

It's ironic that the state that has been a traditional stronghold had to wait till 2017 to get its first I-League team. Neroca qualified for the top tier after winning the second division in 2016 and have grown remarkably in the two years, largely because of the abundant local talent. They managed a top-five finish in the I-League last season. However, because of the uncertainty over the league's status, the club is considering to cut its budget and focus on grooming under-23 players instead.

AIZAWL

Aizawl FC

The region scripted one of Indian football's most romantic stories in 2017 when Aizawl FC won the I-League, thus becoming the first team from the North East to be crowned champions. Soon after, the champions were told they would be relegated to the second division after the AIFF decided to award top-tier status to ISL. That still hasn't happened but the uncertainty has forced Aizawl to check their finances and move ahead with caution. The sport, though, continues to thrive in the region. They've expanded the stadium's capacity, the local league is flourishing and they continue to churn out players. Not because of the system. Despite it.

CoA seeks legal view after lack of consensus over Kapil's appointment, selection of asst coach

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, JULY 27

DIFFERENCE OF opinion over the interpretation of constitutional clauses at Friday's meeting in New Delhi attended by BCCI's Committee of Administrators (CoA) and its Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Rahul Johri might result in two crucial decisions getting referred to legal experts.

The first involved the naming of former players Kapil Dev and Anshuman Gaekwad to the Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC), formed to pick India's head coach.

Those in the know say that while the rest agreed to their appointment and even decided to make it public, one of the CoA member and former India captain, Diana Edulji, raised the 'conflict of interest' and 'one man,

one post' clause pointing to the presence of Kapil and Gaekwad's in the steering committee form to BCCI-approved players' body, the Indian Cricketers Association (ICA).

Edulji, it is learnt, said that once the extent of official involvement of the two former players' was clear, the case can be referred to legal experts. She also stressed that Kapil took commentary assignments which also amounted to conflict of interest.

The second issue that didn't see a consensus among those at the meeting was related to the picking of the support staff for the Indian team. While the CoA were of the view that the appointment of an assistant to the head coach was the discretion of the national selectors, Johri stated the new constitution gave him the power to make these appointments.

Rule 24 of BCCI's constitution, which deals with the CEO's powers says: "To ap-

point team Officials for the Indian teams which shall compulsorily include qualified coaches, managers, physiotherapists, nutritionists, trainers, analyst, counselors and medics."

However, what made this a contentious point was the other clause of the constitution which states that the CEO has no role to play in the appointment of support staff in junior and women's teams. For these teams, it is the selection committee that is empowered to take the final decision.

Sources said that at the Friday's meeting, the CoA were of the view that it was the chairman of national selectors, MSK Prasad, and his committee who would pick the support staff. The CoA asked its legal team to look into it and clear the issue.

Few weeks ago BCCI's Ethics officer DK Jain, in its order, had ruled that several for-

mer players and television pundits were flouting the Supreme Court-appointed Justice R M Lodha panel conflict of interest recommendations since they were officially associated with the BCCI or the IPL. Jain had leaned on the "one man, one post" clause to come to this decision.

Rathour appointment on hold

Former India opener Vikram Rathour's appointment as the National Cricket Academy's (NCA) batting consultant has been put on hold.

This is again because of the conflict of interest since Rathour is related to the junior selection committee member Ashish Kapoor. It is learnt that the general manager cricket operation Saba Karim has been asked to pick the second best candidate for the job.

Post suspension, Zim to tour India next year: ICC

Mumbai: The ICC has clarified to the BCCI that Zimbabwe's next year's tour to India was on despite the recent suspension of the African nation. *The Indian Express* understands that the world body has conveyed this clarification to the BCCI chief executive officer Rahul Johri.

During Friday's meeting in New Delhi, Johri informed to the Committee of Administrators (CoA) that the series was on since it was a bilateral contest. "The Zimbabwe tour will be played as per schedule since ICC has cleared the air. Their suspension is only for ICC events," BCCI sources said. Zimbabwe is scheduled to play three T20's in January 2020 in Guwahati, Indore

and Pune. At ICC's Annual Conference in London last week, Zimbabwe Cricket was suspended with immediate effect because of the governmental interference. "The full-time member failed to fulfil their obligation to provide a process for free and democratic elections and to ensure that there is no government interference in its administration for cricket," the ICC had said in a statement.

ICC chairman Shashank Manohar said: "We do not take the decision to suspend a Member lightly, but we must keep our sport free from political interference. What has happened in Zimbabwe is a serious breach of ICC's constitution and we cannot allow it to continue." **DEVENDRA PANDEY**

Nadeem puts India A on course for big victory

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LEFT-ARM spinner Shahbaz Nadeem took a five-wicket haul for the second time in the match to put India A on the cusp of a big win over West Indies A in the first unofficial Test.

Nadeem's effort of five for 47 in 21 overs helped India A bowl out the hosts for 180 in their second innings after they were comfortably placed at 159 for three on day three of the four-day game here on Friday. Pacer Mohammad Siraj ran through the lower-order with a three-wicket burst.

Chasing a meagre 97 for victory, India A were 29 for one in their second innings with Priyank Panchal (5) the batsman to be dismissed. Abhimanyu Easwaran was batting on 23 off 32 balls at the other end with India A needing another 68 runs for the win.

India A, who resumed the day at 299 for eight in their first innings, went on to make 312 in 104.3 overs with wicketkeeper Wriddhiman Saha (66) the last man to get out, marking a successful return with both bat and gloves following a long injury layoff.

West Indies A, who conceded an 84-run first innings lead, were steady in their second essay after the loss of openers Montcin Hodge (36) and Jeremy Solozano (11) at 51 for two. Captain Shamarr Brooks (53) and Roston Chase (32) shared a 79-run stand for the third wicket but the collapse began with the fall of the skipper at 159 for four. The batsmen struggled to cope up with the guile and accuracy of Nadeem who have been knocking on the doors of the Indian Test team with consistent performances in domestic cricket over the years. The Jharkhand spinner had also taken five wickets in the first innings, taking his match tally to 10 for 109.

BRIEF SCORES: West Indies A: 228 all out and 180 all out in 77 overs (Brooks 53; Nadeem 5/47); **India A:** 312 (Dube 71, Saha 66; Cummins 4/40) and 29/1 in 10.3 overs.

Vettori, Langeveldt take coaching roles with Bangladesh

Dhaka: Bangladesh have appointed former New Zealand captain Daniel Vettori as a spin bowling consultant while former South Africa paceman Charl Langeveldt will become their new pace bowling coach, the country's cricket board said on Saturday. Vettori's contract is until next year's Twenty20 World Cup in Australia and the 40-year-old will be available to the team for around 100 days during their preparation.

Langeveldt, 44, takes charge as a full-time coach, the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) added. "This is a team on the rise and there is so much experience and potential," Vettori, who will also prepare Bangladesh for the tour of India later this year and a trip to New Zealand in 2020, said in a BCB statement. **REUTERS**

IOA plans to boycott 2022 CWG

Writes to sports minister to deliberate on the proposal following shooting's omission from the Games



Shooting has been the source of one-fourth of India's medals at the Commonwealth Games.

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WITH EXACTLY three years to go for the 2022 Commonwealth Games, the Indian Olympic Association has proposed a complete boycott of the event, scheduled to be held in Birmingham. IOA president Narinder Batra wrote to the sports minister Kiren Rijju on Friday, in which he informed him of the Olympic body's intentions and sought a meeting to deliberate on the issue.

The IOA's unprecedented step came after the organisers dropped shooting from the Games programme in June despite months of lobbying by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) as well as former sports minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore. The Commonwealth Games Federation's (CGF) executive board instead decided to include women's cricket, para table tennis and beach volleyball.

In a strongly-worded letter, Batra said through this protest, they want to make the "(sic) CWG understand that India is not prepared to take India-bashing anymore and the people with a particular mindset in CWG need to understand that India got its independence in 1947 and India is not a colony of anyone anymore."

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NARINDER BATRA,
IOA PRESIDENT

NRAI president Raninder Singh was the first to float the idea that India should boycott the Games in April 2018. His views were echoed by IOA secretary general Rajiv Mehta last month. In his letter, Batra said the issue has been 'informally discussed' by some IOA members, who 'agree with the views expressed by IOA secretary general.' In his first media interaction last month, Rijju had dismissed Mehta's suggestion. He had said: "If you have to boycott, you have to ask the government because these decisions are not to be taken unilaterally, it has to be done through proper consultation."

Batra, however, argued that the government has spent money on the preparation for the 2022 CWG and said a fall in medals count would create a false public perception. "(sic) By removing shooting from CWG 2022, the medal ranking of India will go down from 3rd in 2018 may be to any-

where between 5th to 8th in CWG 2022 and total number of medals won in 2018 i.e. 66 will also come down," he added. "Even though govt, NSFs (National Sport Federations) and IOA will be working hard for CWG 2022 the impression that will go down is of bad performance because overall number of total medals may come down along with the overall ranking based on medals won."

Shooting has been the source of one-fourth of India's medals at the Commonwealth Games. Out of the 438 medals India has won at the Games - including 155 gold - 118 have come from shooting. India have won 56 gold, 40 silver and 22 bronze medals in the sport and are second on the all-time medal table behind Australia. At the Gold Coast CWG last year, India topped shooting medals tally, winning a total of 16 medals (7 gold, 4 silver, 5 bronze), seven more than second-placed Australia.

The sport, however, features on the CGF's list of optional disciplines. A host city can incorporate up to seven sports of its choice from that list in its final programme. It is a standard practice for the hosts to include sports in which they are strong.

In 2010, India excluded basketball and triathlon from the programme and added tennis, archery and wrestling.

Four years before that, Australia had

dropped wrestling.

The decision to drop shooting, however, was primarily because the organisers were keen to include those sports for which Birmingham and the wider West Midlands region had the facilities. The closest Olympic-standard shooting range to Birmingham is in Surrey, roughly 150 miles away.

Britain's tough gun laws, which makes it very tough for athletes to enter the country with weapons, was also a deterrent.

The IOA, however, has cried conspiracy. "(sic) We have been noticing over a period of time that wherever India seems to get grip of the game and performing well, then somehow we find that either the goalposts are shifted or rules are changed. We feel it is time for us in IOA/India to start asking tough questions and start taking tough positions," Batra wrote in his letter.

A decision to boycott the Games can be taken by the IOA's general assembly, which includes heads of other federations. The final decision, if the assembly agrees, is likely to be taken after consulting the government to understand the possible the diplomatic fallout of the move.

The IOA is also considering to boycott the CGF Congress in Kigali, Rwanda, in September. It has also withdrawn the candidature of two officials who were contesting the polls for high-ranking posts.

Hamilton takes pole position at German GP

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LEWIS HAMILTON took pole position for the German Grand Prix on Saturday, while Sebastian Vettel's miserable form continued for Ferrari as he was unable to even set a time and will start from the back. It got even worse for Ferrari as Vettel's teammate Charles Leclerc was unable to start the last part of qualifying, known as Q3, and is set to begin from 10th place on the grid on Sunday.

"I don't know really how we did it today. I'm not quite sure what happened to the Ferraris," Hamilton said. "I think if Leclerc had done a lap at the end, it would have been close between us." Ferrari is winless in 10 races this season and that terrible run looks to continue, while Hamilton is aiming for a sixth win in seven. It was a record-extending 87th pole for the five-time world champion, who is 11 wins shy of Michael Schumacher's record of 91.

Hamilton starts on the front row alongside Red Bull's Max Verstappen, who pushed Hamilton's Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas into third place. Red Bull's Pierre Gasly goes from fourth.

"A bit disappointed with qualifying and I just struggled," said Bottas, who is level with Hamilton on four poles this season. "Ferrari (were) extremely quick and we knew it would be difficult to beat them... We've been a bit lucky."

Vettel, who crashed at last year's German GP despite leading from pole, looked visibly upset as he climbed out of his car in the team garage. The incident happened during the first part of qualifying, making him one of five drivers eliminated from Q1. Ferrari said the problem was with airflow to the turbo, even more surprising given Ferrari had topped all three practice sessions heading into qualifying.

"Lost out on a big chance," Vettel said, reflecting on his home race. "It's very painful here, obviously, I was looking forward to having fun." Worried faces in the Ferrari garage turned to sheer horror as mechanics then detected a problem on Leclerc's car, ruling him out of the top-10 shootout in Q3.

"Mine was a fuel system problem. It is a shame but we will be trying to understand what happened and not to reproduce it. The car felt great today so it's a shame it ended like this," Leclerc said. "I feel for the whole team. I will give absolutely everything to make everyone smile again tomorrow."

Television footage showed a Ferrari fan in the stands sinking his face into his hand in disbelief. Mercedes head of motorsport Toto Wolff was sympathetic when commenting on Ferrari's latest setback.

"It is a shame for Ferrari and for Sebastian at his home GP," Wolff said.

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Ashish Kumar clinches gold; India grab 8 medals

Asian Championships silver medallist Ashish Kumar on Saturday bagged his first international gold, even as Indian boxers finished their campaign with a rich haul of eight medals at Thailand Open International boxing tournament in Bangkok. India finished with a gold, four silver and three bronze. The Indian contingent's performance was commendable considering some of the world's best boxers from 37 countries had participated in the tournament. On the final day, the Indians who had to settle for the silver were former world junior champion Nikhat Zareen (51kg), Asian Championships silver medallist Deepak (49kg), GeeBee Boxing silver medallist Mohammed Hussamuiddin (56kg), and India Open silver medallist Brijesh Yadav (81kg).

De Bruyne, Sterling on target in Man City win

Kevin De Bruyne, Raheem Sterling and Lukas Nmecha were on target as Premier League champions Manchester City wrapped up their Asian tour with a 3-1 win over Japan's Yokohama Marinos on Saturday. Bernardo Silva fed De Bruyne for the game's opener as the Belgian cut inside and unleashed a powerful shot with his left foot. Keita Endo scored an equaliser for Yokohama before De Bruyne released the pace of Sterling, who slotted past the goalkeeper with two defenders in pursuit.



Mohammad Amir said he wants to focus on white-ball cricket. Reuters

Akram, Akhtar slam Amir's Test retirement

Pakistan pace greats including Wasim Akram and Shoaib Akhtar have slammed Mohammad Amir's decision to retire from Test cricket at the age of 27. "To me Mohammad Amir retiring from Test cricket is a bit surprising because you peak at 27-28 and Test cricket is where you are judged against the best, it's the ultimate format. Pakistan will need him in two Tests in Australia and then three in England," former captain Akram tweeted. Amir announced his retirement from the longest format on Friday having played 36 Tests in his chequered career that saw him being banned for spot-fixing. "It was Amir's time to pay back to Pakistan cricket. If I was 27, I would love to play Test cricket. It is the ultimate test for a cricketer. Amir should have carried on and helped Pakistan win Tests, a format in which the team is struggling," said another pace legend Akhtar on his YouTube channel. Former captain Waqar Younis posted a rather cryptic tweet in his reaction to Amir's retirement. "All the best with your white ball cricket," he wrote tagging Amir.

HC adjourns archery hearing to August 2

Delhi HC has adjourned the hearing regarding the dual elections conducted by two warring factions of the Archery Association of India to August 2. The deadline set by the world body to take a call on suspension was July 31. Hearing a PIL in the Rahul Mehra versus Union of India & Ors, a Delhi HC Special Bench comprising Justice S Murlidhar and Najmi Waziri on Friday fixed the matter for arguments to next Friday, Mehra tweeted. "They will adjudicate on the dual elections conducted by two warring factions within AAI, beside setting aside last election of IOA for violation of Sports Code, and directing Ministry of Sports to place final version of redrafted Sports Code ASAP," Mehra tweeted.



Sai Praneeth goes down to Momota

India's challenge at the Japan Open ended with Sai Praneeth's loss to top seed and home hero Kento Momota in the semifinals here on Saturday. The Indian lost 18-21, 12-21 in a semi-final lasting 45 minutes. Momota had also beaten Sai at the Singapore Open earlier this year. Sai had made the Japan Open semifinals beating Indonesia's Tommy Sugiarto here on Friday. India's challenge in the women's singles ended on Friday when PV Sindhu lost to Akane Yamaguchi in the quarterfinals. The Japanese shuttler had also defeated Sindhu in the Indonesia Open final last week.

ICC defends Dharmasena's overthrow call in WC final

The ICC on Sunday came out in defence of umpire Kumar Dharmasena for his controversial decision to award six overthrow runs, instead of five, to England during the epic World Cup final against New Zealand. For the first time after the World Cup final, the International Cricket Council has come out with a public statement about the controversial incident, stating that the "right process" was followed while making the decision to award six runs to the eventual winners England at Lord's on July 14. "They (on-field umpires) had to make a judgement call on the day as to whether the batsmen had crossed when the throw was released," ICC's general manager of cricket Geoff Allardice told ESPNcricinfo. "After everything that went on during that delivery, they got together over their comms system and made their decision. They certainly followed the right process when making the decision," he added.

Two India under-19 footballers injured in cable car accident

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AT LEAST two India under-19 footballers have severely injured themselves following a freak accident in Kartepe, Turkey, where they are on an exposure tour. Sarvan Kumar Chaudhary, the father of 15-year-old left-back Manish, said his son has broken his ribs and also fractured his leg after jumping off a cable car that malfunctioned on Friday. Chaudhary added the team's physio informed him that forward Rohit Danu, 17, too has suffered a serious knee injury.

The players were left out of the team that lost 1-0 to local club side Kocaelispor under-19 on Saturday. They will return to Delhi on Monday, where they will undergo further examination. Chaudhary said he spoke to his son briefly on Saturday morning and was given sketchy details of the incident. "They had free time so were out somewhere. Manish said he was in a lift with Danu. The lift suddenly stopped working and they tried to escape by jumping out of it. In the process, they hurt themselves badly," Chaudhary said. "Manish has broken ribs and fractured leg while Danu has also injured his knee."

These claims were corroborated by three All India Football Federation (AIFF) officials. "It was a ski lift, which malfunctioned for some reason. It was dark and foggy, and the lift was 10ft from ground level. The players panicked and jumped, and landed awkwardly which led to these injuries," a senior official said, requesting anonymity, adding that Manish and Danu were taken to a hospital immediately where the doctors put a cast on the fractured parts. The duo is an integral part of India's youth team set-up. Manish, a left-back, plays for the Bengaluru FC academy and was a



Manish, left-back for the BFC academy and Danu, scorer in India's win over Oman under-19, were severely injured.

part of the club's squad in the junior I-League. Danu, meanwhile, is considered to be one of India's rising stars. He plays for the India Arrows, a developmental team floated by the AIFF, in the I-League and scored a couple of goals in the last campaign. In fact, Danu was the scorer of India's only goal in an upset win over Oman under-19 last Monday. Chaudhary said he did not get any call from the AIFF and team management in Turkey did not share details of how the accident occurred. "We were just told that they suffered an accident and are injured. Naturally, we got extremely tense. When we asked for details, the team's manager and physio said they will tell us after reaching Delhi on Monday," Chaudhary said.

The AIFF official, too, said they were unaware of the seriousness of the injuries or if there were any other players who were there. "Right now, even we do not have the details. The information we have is what the players have shared with the team management. We might ask for a report once the team returns to understand what exactly happened," the official said. The 22-member team lost one and won one match against Oman U-19 in Turkey. The third match against Jordan U-19 was abandoned due to poor weather conditions. They ended the tour on Saturday with a 1-0 defeat to Kocaelispor under-19.

Golden treble lights up troubled day

Dressel wins three world titles; Aussie Jack fails drug test; water polo players injured in night club accident

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GWANGJU, JULY 27

CAELB DRESSL lit up the pool by winning his fourth, fifth and sixth gold medals on Saturday but even his electric performance failed to brighten the mood on a dark day at the world swimming championships in Gwangju.

Athletes awoke to news that several water polo players had been injured in a terrifying accident in the early hours of Saturday morning when the second floor of a nightclub came down on the heads of revellers below.

The athletes, who had been letting off steam at the end of their tournament, escaped serious injury but two South Koreans were killed. There was more bad news later in the day when Australian freestyle swimmer Shayna Jack, who had withdrawn from the worlds just before the meet began, said she had tested positive for a banned substance.

"It is with great sadness and heartache that I had to leave due to allegations of having a prohibited substance in my system," the freestyle swimmer wrote on Instagram. "I did NOT take this substance knowingly. Swimming has been my passion since I was 10 years old and I would never intentionally take a banned substance that would disrespect my sport and jeopardise my career."

"Now there is an ongoing investigation and my team and I are doing everything we can to find out when and how this substance has come into contact with my body," added Jack.

Team mate Cate Campbell said she had been in the dark about the positive test but added



Caeleb Dressel (second from left) helped US set a world record of 3min 19.40sec in the mixed 4x100m freestyle relay. AP

that Jack's absence from the worlds was proof of Australia's anti-doping commitment.

"I had absolutely no knowledge of this before tonight," she said after her 50 metres freestyle heats. "I think that once more information comes to light we can pass judgement but at the moment the Australia team stands for clean sport and unfortunately that is why Shayna is not with us."

The positive test comes as a major embarrassment to Australian swimming given the headline-grabbing podium protest that 400 freestyle silver medallist Mack Horton made on Sunday over Sun Yang's participation at the worlds.

The Chinese swimmer, who served a doping sanction in 2014 and was labelled a "drug cheat" by Horton at the Rio Olympics, is competing under the shadow of

a World Anti-Doping Agency appeal against FINA's decision to clear him of wrongdoing during a random drug test last September. Sun said he did not deserve "insult and slander" from rival swimmers and that he did not violate any rules during a controversial doping test last year.

Dressel on fire

Dressel, who had already won three gold medals in Gwangju, added the 50 freestyle and 100 butterfly titles to his collection before helping the Americans to victory in the mixed 4x100 freestyle relay. The 22-year-old now has 13 world titles from two world championships. Phelps won 26 golds from six appearances at the worlds. Freestyle queen Katie Ledecky held off a brave challenge from Italian Simona Quadarella in the 800.

Real's miserable US tour ends with 7-3 defeat to Atletico

REAL MADRID finished their tour of the United States with a 7-3 humiliation by rivals Atletico Madrid in New Jersey on Friday, ensuring they head home in embarrassment from their American excursions.

Their tour started in pretty underwhelming fashion with a 3-1 defeat to Bayern Munich in Texas, before they then fell 2-0 behind against Arsenal inside 24 minutes in Washington DC. They fought back in the second half to rescue a 2-2 draw, eventually winning on penalties, but against their city rivals in their final match,

Real's pre-season toils really unravelled. Diego Costa struck in the first minute to stun Real, who found themselves three down before the 20 minute mark, and five down by the interval. Real's backline, which was not by any stretch a second string with captain Sergio Ramos and Marcelo starting, could not cope. REUTERS

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